



4-H Informant

PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATE THE WISCONSIN 4-H CENTENNIAL WITH SERVICE!

April is the Wisconsin 4-H Service Month and a great time to give back to your community! Below you will find a list of ideas for service projects and resource links, but these aren't the only possibilities. Take some time to reflect on your community, identify needs and plan a service project that will make a difference AND celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Wisconsin!

1. 100 letters challenge-write letters to soldiers letting them know you appreciate their service
2. Make Hero Packs for OMK: Operation Military Kids to support Wisconsin military families
3. Collect, repair and donate used bikes to a community agency
4. Help elders in your communities mow, pull weeds, shovel snow, paint
5. Organize a food drive for a local food pantry. 100 cans (or 100 pounds) challenge
6. Read 100 books to children in a library program
7. Collect used magazines and take them to preschools for arts and crafts
8. Organize a community Arbor Day celebration-plant trees in public areas
9. 100 mile challenge-organize active wellness events such as bike rides or hikes
10. Bake 100 4-H cookies or cupcakes and give them to the local police, fire, and ambulance workers to say thank you for their service to the community
11. Create a Little Free Library (littlefreelibrary.org)
12. Beautify an old barn by designing a Barn Quilt
13. Volunteer with Meals on Wheels
14. Revitalize an old playground
15. Paint a moveable mural about the history of 4-H that can be placed at community events.
16. Host an ice cream social and invite people in your town to celebrate the 100th birthday of 4-H
17. Build and distribute 100 bat houses or bird feeders [work with your local DNR to see if you can build bird houses for specific local birds]
18. Read books or the newspaper for blind or visually impaired people
19. Host a drive to fill suitcases with personal care items to assist local women's shelters
20. **For more community services resources see the following:**
 - a. <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinepro/ServiceLearning.cfm#desc>
 - b. <http://www.serve.gov/>
 - c. <http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/>
 - d. <https://www.nationalserviceresources.org/>
 - e. <http://www.teenink.com/Resources/CommunityR.php>

Sincerely yours,

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The 4-H informant is a newsletter for Pierce County 4-H families to inform of program opportunities. Please advise at the time of registration if you have a disability and desire special accommodations. Requests are kept confidential. Discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, creed, or religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, veterans' status, arrest or non-job program related conviction record or qualified disability, including AIDS is prohibited.

4-H Family Calendar

April

- 11 Registration due for YELL Conference
- 12 Archery practice (indoor) River Falls Armory 1-4 pm
- 12 4-H Foods Revue, 9 a.m., Ellsworth HS
- 13 4-H Dog Project Orientation, 1 :00 pm., Seyforth Bldg.
- 13 4-H Camp Counselor Training, 1 p.m., Pepin HS
- 16 Livestock Committee Meeting 7 p.m. EOC Room of PCOB
- 19 Swine Tagging, teams will come to you. Get request in to UWEX Office **by April 11th!**
- 19 Sheep, and Goat County Weigh-In 10:00-11:00, Pierce County Fairgrounds.
- 19 Sheep and Goat Workshops following weigh in at 11:00 Pierce County Fairgrounds, Seyforth
- 19 4-H Horse Health Day
- 25-27 Minnesota Horse Expo., Minnesota State Fair Grounds
- 26 Shooting Sports - Eau Claire County Invitational
- 27 Archery practice (indoor) River Falls Armory 1-4 pm
- 28 MAQA Training Spring Valley HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Rabbit Agility Meeting, Seyforth Building, Pierce County Fair Grounds, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Dog Project Obedience, Showmanship & Puppy Manners Training begins, PC Fairgrounds
- 30 4-H Summer Camp Kinnissippewa Registration Due to UWEX Office

May

- 1 Horse Declaration Forms, Project fee, Equine Request, SRP registration and Handbook Acknowledgement **ALL Due May 1st**
- 3 YELL Conference, UW-Eau Claire
- 6 Horse Committee(s) Meeting 7 p.m. Lower Level Meeting Room, Pierce County Office Building
- 8 MAQA, River Falls HS, 6:30 p.m.
- 9-10 13th Annual Shawano County 4-H All Star Indoor Shootout
- 10 Rabbit and Cavy Fun Show and Poultry Swap, Pierce Co. Fairgrounds. Doors open 7:00
- 19 4-H Horse Health Day 10:00 a.m. Pierce Co Fairgrounds
- 19 Summer Riding Program for Levels 1, 2, & 3 Begins
- 20 Summer Riding Program for Levels 4, 5, & 6 Begins
- 21 Beginning Gymkhana Begins, Fairgrounds
- 22 Advanced Gymkhana Begins, Fairgrounds
- 29 Shotgun Orientation, River Falls Sportsman Club 6:30-7:30

June

- 3 Dog Project Agility Training begins
- 3 Muzzleloading practice RF Sportsman Club 6-7:30
- Muzzleloading orientation for 1st & 2nd year shooters
- 5 Shotgun practices, River Falls Sportsman Club 5:30-7:30
- 5 Registration due for Jr. Garden U
- 6-7 Brown County Statewide Shoot
- 9 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 7th Annual Northern Golf Classic, Kilkarney Hill Golf Club, River Falls
- 10 Fair entry forms are due FROM CLUBS
- 10 Muzzleloading practice RF Sportsman Club 6-7:30
- 12 Shotgun practices, River Falls Sportsman Club 5:30-7:30
- 14 Horsemanship Clinic, Pierce Co. Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Muzzleloading practice RF Sportsman Club 6-7:30
- 19 Shotgun practices, River Falls Sportsman Club 5:30-7:30
- 21 Pierce County Dairy Breakfast
- 24 Muzzleloading practice RF Sportsman Club 6-7:30
- 24-29 National 4-H Invitational Shoot
- 23-25 Camp Kinnissippewa, Marine on St. Croix
- 23-26 Tractor Safety Ellsworth HS, 9:00-4:00
- 23-27 Tractor Safety Spring Valley HS, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00
- 26 Clothing Revue, Ag Service & Education Center, Baldwin, 6:30
- 26 Shotgun practices, River Falls Sportsman Club 5:30-7:30
- 28 Kettle Moraine 4-H Shotgun and Muzzleloader Shoot
- 28 Junior Garden U, Hoffman Park, River Falls 9:00 a.m.

July

- 12 3rd Annual Shawano County All Star Summer Shootout
- 14-18 Gateway Academy, River Falls High School 8:30-3:00
- 14 Poultry Workshop, Pierce County Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.
- 18-19 14th Annual Triple Crown Statewide Invitational

August

- 2-3 Chippewa County Northwest Invitational (Shooting sports)
- 2 Dog Obedience & Puppy Manners Fair Show
- 4 Dog Showmanship & Agility Fair Shows
- 7-10 Pierce County Fair

4-H Club News

Club meeting minutes can be found on the website.

<http://pierce.uwex.edu/>

4-H Camp



Time to Register for 4-H Camp

It's time to think about registering for the 2014 4-H Camp "Camp Kinnissippewa". Camp will be held June 23-25 at Kiwanis Scout Camp in Marine-on-St. Croix, MN. The registration brochure is enclosed in this newsletter. Camp registration and fees are **due to the Extension Office by April 30th, 2014.** See registration form in this newsletter



MORE BOY COUNSELORS NEEDED!!!!

From the Fair Office

Fair Dates: 2014 August 7-10
2015 August 13-16
2016 August 11-14

Pre-Fair Motocross - Friday Aug. 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Fair Sign Program - The fair sign program will be offered again this year paying your club \$25 for putting up a new sign promoting the Pierce County Fair. We will pay you \$10 for each previously used sign if the dates are changed. Open to 4-H and FFA. Sign must be at least 4 feet by 8 feet and include "Pierce County Fair" August 7-8-9-10, Ellsworth and Your club/chapter name. Please don't include any other words as it detracts from the message. Signs need to be up by July at and taken down within one week after the fair. Signs must be placed on private land and not in the road right of way. Ask permission from the landowner. Email a colored photo to awebb@co.pierce.wi.us prior to the fair indicating locations and if new or reused. Signs **MUST** be down within a week!!

Adopt a Fair Planter - for over 13 years Pierce County fairgoers have enjoyed the beauty of flower planters at the Pierce County Fair. We will run the Adopt a Fair Planter program again. If your club is interested call the fair office at 715-273-6874. Pots will be available for planting in May. Thank you to the people who have kept their pot year after year and just keep refilling them. Please call so we can list you on our appreciation list.

Clothing Revue

The Clothing Revue will be held at the Ag Service and Education Center in Baldwin on Thursday June 26th, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m. The Clothing Revue and the selection for the Wisconsin State Fair Clothing Revue will take place on the same evening. Clothing Project members will receive more information as we get closer to the date, but make sure you mark your calendar.

Junior Garden U

From the mystery of the soil to the wonderful world of plants and insects come learn and grow with the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners and Pierce County Extension. On Saturday June 28th 2014 youth ages 6-12 are invited to the River Falls Grow to Share Garden, located East of Hoffman Park, River Falls, WI. This interactive day camp will be from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. The Cost of this summer opportunity is \$5.00. There is a registration form in this newsletter. Fill it out and send the registration form back in to the UW-Extension Office by June 5th, 2014.



PIERCE COUNTY DAIRY BREAKFAST

The Pierce County Dairy Breakfast will be June 21st this year and the Pierce County Dairy Promotion Committee will again be asking for volunteers to help with this great event. The breakfast will be at Son-Bow Farms near Plum City/Maiden Rock area. By getting involved and helping on this day it qualifies as your club's dairy promotion for this year, so you can apply for the \$100 donation the Committee will award to clubs in the fall. There will again be different shifts to sign up for and different duties to help with. Watch for a letter to come out to your club leaders for ways to get your club to help out and receive a \$100!

FAIR ENTRY FORMS

Fair entry forms will be out next week. Your club leaders will have them to hand out to you. Start thinking now about what projects you want to take. Use the 2013-2014 two year fair book that you got last year as a guide for entering projects. Call the UWEX Office with any questions about entering projects.



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 7th Annual Northern Golf Classic

On Monday, June 9th, 2014 the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is hosting their 7th Annual Northern Golf Classic at Kilkarney Hill Golf Club. This annual charity golf tournament creates resources that help Wisconsin 4-H create cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow. The schedule for events are as followed:

11:30 a.m.	Registration, lunch, & Putting contest
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner

\$80 individual and \$320 for a foursome
RSVP by MAY 28th, 2014. For registration information check out the Wisconsin 4-H foundation web page: <http://wis4hfoundation.org>

Dog Project

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 13 Dog Project **Mandatory** Orientation, 1:00pm Seyforth Bldg., PC Fairgrounds Ellsworth
- April 28 Dog Project Obedience, Showmanship & Puppy Manners training begins
- June 3 Dog Project Agility training begins
- August 2 Dog Project Obedience & Puppy Manners Fair Show
- August 4 Dog Project Showmanship & Agility Fair Shows



4-H Horse News



Summer Riding Program

Summer Riding Program (SRP) will start on **Monday, May 19, 2014** for levels 1, 2, & 3 and **Tuesday, May 20** for levels 4, 5, & 6. The SRP enrollment form can be found enclosed in this Informant. **To participate in Evaluation Day you must sign up for your SRP level on your Fair Entry Form.** Evaluation Day is Saturday July 19, 2014, at the Pierce County Fairgrounds.

Gymkhana

Beginner gymkhana practices begin on Wednesday, May 21 and Advanced Gymkhana practices begin on May 22. .

Please note on SRP nights the Dog Project has classes on Mon. and Tues. nights, so park your trailers on the grass to the west side of the horse arena and around the round barn. Those not pulling a trailer park by the Home Ec. building. If you are not a dog project member **DO NOT** bring your dog.

Everyone who uses a horse for all activities at the fairgrounds are **REQUIRED** to pick up your horse's manure outside of the arena. There are manure forks and wheelbarrows available by the announcer's stand all summer.

Youth Mentors will be available to help you fill out your forms in various projects and classes. Feel free to stop by and ask questions.

Due May 1, 2014 to the Pierce Co. Extension office: Project fee, Horse Declaration, Equine Fair Request, Summer Riding Registration (if applicable), and Handbook Acknowledgement. Please note, a member can only declare a maximum number of 4 horses. Horseless Horse project members are required to fill out and give a horse declaration form along with project fee and other forms. Your 4-H horse "Buddy" can help you to fill it out.

If you do not yet have your Coggins results, send the forms in anyway, with a note that the Coggins papers will be coming soon. **Participation in horse events is prohibited until a Negative Coggins result is received for each horse/pony.**

If you have not picked up your horse handbook yet you need to stop by the UW Extension Office for your copy **and to view the 2014 Winter Round Up video.**

The next Horse Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at the Pierce Co. Office Building.

Horseless Horse meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at the Pierce Co. Office Bldg, before the regular horse committee meeting. If you have your fair entry forms already and need help filling them out please bring them to the horseless horse or horse committee meetings. Youth Mentors will be available to help you fill out your forms in various projects and classes. Or you can bring the form to SRP or Gymkhana practices to get help filling out entries.

Horse Bowl and Hippology, there is still time to join the horse bowl and hippology teams as they practice and gain knowledge for the WI 4-H State meet Saturday May 10, 2014, in Wausau, WI. Speaking and Demonstrations are Fri. May 9, 2014 at the state meet. This is a fun team orientated way for members to learn more about horses and gain valuable information that applies to the all around care and safety of your horse or pony. All Horse and Horseless Horse 4-H members are eligible to participate. Please contact coach Jennifer Weinert, 715-415-4845. Remaining practices schedule times are 3-5 p.m. at the PCOB unless stated otherwise. **April 6th** - Concentrates and Mixed Feeds **April 13th** - Basics of Developing Rations; NO Practice April 20 - Easter Sunday; **April 27th** - Body Condition Scoring/Weighing Systems (on Farm at UWRF); **May 4th** - Review and practice for State Competition.

Horsemanship Clinic, June 14, 2014.

Available to Horse and Horseless Horse project members and their project horses/ponies, Pierce County 4-H Youth will be sponsoring a horsemanship clinic on June 14, 2014 at the Pierce Co. Fairgrounds.

Time 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with small breaks and snacks between sessions and lunch provided.

Skills sessions cover: Western Horsemanship & Pleasure, Saddleseat / Hunt Seat Equitation & Pleasure, Trail Class, Showmanship, Horse Judging, Grooming, Gymkhana, Trailer Safety, Horse First Aid, and Hippology.

Gaited Horses are welcome and will receive instruction and information relating to their unique gaits.

Remember depending on areas of participation this clinic can count toward your 5 requirements to attend the fair. Please be sure to get your registration and \$20 fee in by May 1st! Make checks payable to Pierce Co. 4-H Horse Project. You can send your registration form and fee with your other horse project forms to the Pierce Co. Extension office, or mail to: Laura Swancutt, W327 210th Avenue, Plum City, WI 54761. Space is limited, so be sure to get them in! We will do our best to accommodate as many youth as possible. Call Laura Swancutt with questions at 715-647-2068 or contact horse committee via email. Registration form can be found in this newsletter.

Drill Team: More

information will be sent through the Horse Committee email system.

4-H Horse Health Day

Date: Saturday April 19

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Pierce Co. Fairgrounds, Ellsworth

Coggins - \$20 Vaccinations available

Dental work provided by Play Ta Win Dentistry

Please make an appointment if you need your horse's teeth floated. More info or to make an appointment call Sarah Dowd 715-441-7639

barrlrcr79@yahoo.com or Kelly Neidermyer 715-781-1110 pullingfools@yahoo.com.

REMEMBER you MUST have a negative coggins in hand for each horse you declare by May 1st!!

Shooting Sports

Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports

Spring air rifle and air pistol practices were well attended with 20-42 members attending each session! Great job by all of the participants.

Upcoming Practices:

Indoor archery practices at the River Falls Armory:

Sunday, April 6 from 1-4pm.

Saturday, April 12 from 1-4pm.

Sunday, April 27 from 1-4pm.

First and second year shooters must attend an orientation and safety session either on Sunday, April 6 or Saturday, April 12 held at the armory before they can practice.

These practices are open to all Pierce County 4-Her's.

All project members in the powder burning disciplines must be 12 years old and have their Hunters Education certificate completed.

Shotgun practices at the River Falls Sportsmens Club:

First and Second year shooter orientation and safety will meet in the clubhouse on Thursday, May 29 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 5:30-7:30pm.

.22 Pistol practices at the River Falls Sportsmens Club:

Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 6-8pm. Orientation and safety for 1st and 2nd year shooters will be held at the first practice.

Muzzleloading practices at the River Falls Sportsmens Club:

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 from 6-7:30pm.

Orientation and safety for 1st and 2nd year shooters will be held at the first practice.

Upcoming Events:

The following are state events that are not required for the shooting sports project area but are great opportunities for members to learn and compete. All these competitions are listed on the Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports website for more information.

April 26, Eau Claire County Invitational

May 9-10, 13th Annual Shawano County 4-H All Star Indoor Shootout

June 6-7, Brown County Statewide Shoot

June 14, Pierce County 3rd Annual Western Gateway Statewide Shoot

June 24-29, National 4-H Invitational Shoot

June 28, Kettle Moraine 4-H Shotgun and Muzzleloader Shoot

July 12, 3rd Annual Shawano County All Star Summer Shootout

July 18-19, 14th Annual Triple Crown Statewide Invitational

August 2-3, Chippewa County Northwest Invitational

More information on July and August practices and the Pierce County Fair will be sent in the next Informant.

Science, Engineering, & Technology

Gateway Academy 2014

Are you interested in Science, Engineering, Technology, or Math? Pierce County 4-H and River Falls High School are offering a Gateway Academy to learn more about these topics in an exciting, hand-on learning day camp setting. This event is open to 6th - 8th graders and takes place July 14-18, 2014 from 8:30am -3pm each day. The Gateway Academy will be held at RFHS. The cost is \$40 and is limited to 20 participants. Day campers will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. See the registration form in this newsletter for more information.

Livestock

MAQA Training Dates

- * April 28th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. Spring Valley High School
- * May 8th 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. River Falls High School
- * June (TBD- watch for dates to come out) Ellsworth HS

Livestock Judging

April 8 - Larson Herford Farms Spring Valley 6:30 p.m.

April 15 - Klecker/Sherwin Farm, Ellsworth 6:30 p.m.

April 22 - UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farm 2, River Falls 6:00 p.m.

April 29 - Kurt & Nettie Nelson, Bay City 6:00 p.m.

Practices will be scheduled through May. If you have any suggestions for future practices please let us know and we will try to add the location to the schedule

Area Animal Science Day: Thursday June 26th, 2014

Livestock Committee

The next 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee meeting will be held on April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the EOC Room of the Pierce County Courthouse Annex.

For a complete list of 2013/2014 rules please visit the Pierce County UWEX website > youth development > Livestock

Or for questions feel free to email Jim Geraets at jsgeraets@yahoo.com or call him 715-495-5046.

Swine Project

There will be no Swine weigh-in this spring. In an effort to protect Wisconsin's pork industry from the spread of the deadly, communicable virus among pigs, Dr. Paul McGraw, state veterinarian at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCAP) is issuing a ban on the usual spring weigh-ins of pigs in preparation for Wisconsin's many county fairs. Dr. McGraw also recommends only terminal swine shows be held for County Fairs. The meaning of "Terminal Show" is best described as all swine entered in a given show (fairs) are sent directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility no later than or immediately following the conclusion of the exhibition. Info on this has been sent to all swine project members.



On April 19th, 2014 there will be 4 tagging teams divided among the county to ear tag pigs that will be exhibited at the 2014 Pierce County Fair. Tagging request forms MUST BE COMPLETED AND IN THE UWEX OFFICE BY FRIDAY APRIL 11th, 2014! All swine project members were emailed and regular mailed this info. If you did not get it you **MUST** call the Extension Office to have one mailed to you.

Goat Project

Meat Kid Rules for Fair

Goats will be weighed on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Pierce County Fairgrounds from 10am to 11am. A Goat Workshop will follow for ALL project members.

To qualify for the Auction Sale, a goat must weigh at minimum of 60 pounds.

A goat must be weighed and tagged at the Pierce County site in order to show at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.

Sheep Project

Sheep County Weigh-In

Specific rules for WETHERS OR EWES:

Wethers and ewes (cannot also be shown in a breed class) will be weighed on Saturday, **April 19, 2014**, at the Pierce County Fairgrounds from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Each wether or ewe must be born on January 1, **2014**, or after to be eligible for the Meat Animal Auction.

Maximum weight at spring weigh-in is 75 pounds. m. To qualify for the Auction Sale, a wether or ewe must weigh between 95-160 pounds.

A wether or ewe must live grade prime or choice to be sold at the Auction.

A sheep must be weighed and eartagged at the **April 19, 2014** Pierce County weigh-in site in order to show at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.

Small Animal and Poultry

Rabbit and Cavy 4-H Youth Annual Swap and Fun Show

The Small Animal Committee will once again be hosting its annual spring fun show on May 10th at the fairgrounds.

Swap - Doors open at 7:00. \$2 admission for buyers and sellers. All poultry **MUST** be blood tested before the swap. **NO PIGS ALLOWED.**

Rabbit & Cavy Show

Entries taken from 8:00-9:45. Entry fees are \$2.00 per animal entered. There is no limit to the number of animals you can enter and you can enter more than one animal in the same class. Show starts at 10:00. Classes will be broken down by breed, sex, age, and possibly color depending on the number of entries in a breed. We will follow breeds and classes according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection. Awards will be given.

Some general rules are as follows: All cages must have a solid bottom, Each exhibitor is responsible for handling their own animals, Rabbits and cavies only are allowed in the showroom, Any animal that is found to be unhealthy will be removed from the show, No unauthorized people are allowed behind the judging tables. All proceeds will go towards improvements to rabbit, cavy and poultry building and project areas. This is **not** limited to youth in Pierce County so if you have friends in other counties or in Minnesota please invite them to come and share in some rabbit and cavy fun. This is also an excellent opportunity for members who are looking for animals as we usually have several breeders come with animals for sale. For more information, please see the flyer included in this Informant or the information on the 4-H website. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Nthole at anthole@pressenter.com or 715-426-0775.

Rabbit Agility Meeting

Are you interested in learning about rabbit agility? If you are interested or want to learn more about how to participate with agility there will be a workshop on Tuesday April 29th, 2014 starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Seyforth Building located on the Pierce County Fair Grounds. Some of the special topics that will be discussed will be rules and regulations. We will also be planning the summer training schedule. Hope to see you there.



Tractor Safety Courses

Tractor Safety courses for 2014 will be held at:

Ellsworth High School - June 23-26 Call Ellsworth High School 715-273-3911 to enroll. \$20

Spring Valley High School - June 23-27. Call Spring Valley High School to enroll.

Rain Barrels for Sale

Older Members and Horse Drill Team Fundraiser

Order and pick-up a great new rain barrel for a Mothers Day, Fathers Day or Spring gift. Barrels are available now and cost \$40! Proceeds benefit the Pierce County 4-H Older Members and the 4-H Horse Drill Team. Call UWEX to order barrels today!

Youth Leadership

The YELL (Youth Engaged in Leadership) Conference is once again happening at UW-Eau Claire and it's open to young leaders grades 6-12 across Western WI on May 3, 2014. Go to the Buffalo County 4-H webpage: <http://buffalo.uwex.edu/yell/> to learn more. Registration is due April 11th.

Poultry Workshop There will be a poultry workshop on Monday July 14th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. located in the poultry and rabbit barn, Pierce County Fair Grounds. Some of the special topics that will be discussed are: How to wash your bird, how to dust your bird for lice, how to select the right bird, and what to do to get ready for the fair and how to show your bird. If you have any questions please contact.

Joe Kearns by email at joeke17@hotmail.com or by phone (1715)797-364



Cultural Arts Extravaganza Results 2014

DRAMA AWARDS

Champion Drama – River Ramblers “Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate”

Blue Award Drama’s

1st Blue – Town and Country “The First 4-H Camp”

1st Blue Drama- Town and Country “The First 4-H Camp”

Blue – Martell Rushers “Runaway”

Blue – Busy Fingers/Helpful Workers “12 Angry Pigs

Red – Valley Eagles “James and the Giant Peach”

Red – Maiden Rock Rockets “Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate”

BEST OVERALL PERFORMER’S

Best Overall Younger Male Performer

Best Overall Older Male Performer

Best Overall Younger Female Performer

Best Overall Older Female Performer

Tyler Boley

Nathan Jennings

Allison Pazdernik

Marissa Schumaker

Clover “Oscar” Awards

Martell Rushers Mini Drama – Hattie Augustine & Tyler Boley

River Ramblers Drama – Anders Olson and Maria Luther

Town & Country Drama – Nathan Jennings and Brian Johnson

Busy Fingers/Helpful Workers – Hope Turvaville and Allison Pazdernik

Valley Eagles Drama – Rondell Hybben and Kalie Stone

Maiden Rock Rockets Drama – Kali Ashmore and Cameron

Krogstad/Miranda Abel

Clover “Tony” Awards

Rock Elm Skyrockets Musical – Mikena Geraets and McKenna Kaszyniski

Specialty Awards:

Best Stage Combat – Martell Rushers

Best Set – River Ramblers

Best Original Drama – Town & Country

Best Casting – Busy Fingers/Helpful Workers

Best Costume – Martell Rushers

Best Teamwork – Valley Eagles

Best Script/Interpretation – Maiden Rock Rockets

Best Choreography – Rock Elm Skyrockets



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE
WONDERFUL
ARTS & CRAFTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY
PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CULTURAL ARTS
EXTRAVAGANZA! BE SURE
TO CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR ALL THE
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FROM THE DAY!**



Camp Kinnissippewa 4-H at Kiwanis Scout Camp



3 different camp experiences for 4-H members from Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce, & Trempealeau Counties at the beautiful Camp Kiwanis at Marine on St. Croix!

4-H Base Camps June 23-25, 2014

Enjoy an outdoor adventure at the 2014 4-H Base Camps. 4-H members will enjoy fellowship with new friends from Western Wisconsin while under the care of high school aged 4-H youth leaders who have been screened and trained. Campers will also have fun participating in teamwork activities with the staff of volunteers, summer interns, nurses and UW-Extension 4-H Agents. For more information on the Camp Kiwanis facility, the website address is <http://www.nothernstarbsa.org>. The registration form is on next page and due by April 30th!

4-H Explorers Base Camp Open to campers in 3rd & 4th grades (2013-2014 school year)

4-H Base Camp 1 features:

- Arts & Crafts
- Nature Activities
- Music, Drama
- Interactive Games
- Swimming & Campfires
- Archery & Air Rifle
- Cabin Time to Make New Friends
- Lots of fun!

4-H Navigators Base Camp Open to campers in 5th & 6th grades (2013-2014 school year)

4-H Base Camp 2 features:

- Teambuilding Games
- Climbing Wall & Obstacle Course
- Variety of Team Sports
- Canoe Trip & Night Swim
- Archery & Air Rifle
- Special Campfires
- Extra Social Time to Meet New Friends
- Unique Leadership Activities!

4-H Outpost Adventurers Camp, June 23-25, 2014

Open to campers in 7th & 8th grades (2013-2014 school year)

Enjoy a 'real' camping adventure with the opportunity to experience nature and learn new skills related to the outdoors! There is plenty of time to engage in fellowship with teens from Western Wisconsin. Campers will also have fun participating in teamwork activities with the staff of volunteers, summer interns, nurses and UW-Extension 4-H Agents. This will include 2 night/3 day canoe trip with overnights on the Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.

4-H Outpost Adventure features:

- Two Day Canoe Trip Down St. Croix River
- Swimming at William O'Brien State Park
- Hiking & Hands on Learning
- Special Emphasis on Nature
- Leadership Building Experiences
- Two Nights in a Tent
- Orienteering
- Water Quality & Weather Science
- Teamwork Games & Social Time
- Outdoor Campfire Cooking!



Camp Kinnissippewa 4-H Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____ County: _____

Address _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Male/Female: _____ Grade: _____ Phone 1: (_____) _____ Phone 2: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Parent/ Guardian Name (s): _____

Preferred Cabin or Tent Mate _____

(Camp Registration Forms will be handled as first in, first filled basis.)

Check which camp you will be attending:

- Base Camp - Explorers (\$100/camper)
 Base Camp - Navigators (\$100/camper)
 Outpost Camp - Adventurers (\$100/camper)

*Non-4-H Members are welcome to attend camp. The camper fee would be \$140.00.

A \$10 late fee is assessed for 4-H camp registrations received after April 30, 2014. The Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors Council pays \$20 for each camper and counselor who attends 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa. This amount has already been deducted from your 4-H Camp fees; the true cost of camp is \$120 per camper.

Waterfront Information (All campers are required to pass a swim test prior to using the pool or canoes.)

How well does your child swim?

Not at all A little Average Very Well

Rate your child's experience with canoeing:

Not at all A little Average Very Well

Lifeguards will be on duty at Base Camp during swimming activities.

4-H Camp Transportation and Hours

Campers will need to arrive at camp by 1:00 p.m. on Monday June 23rd and will depart at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25th. Camp is located north of Stillwater, MN on Highway 95, phone 651-433-2801. Bus transportation to/from camp provided

T-shirt is included in the cost of camp registration. Please circle size preference:

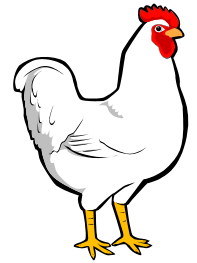
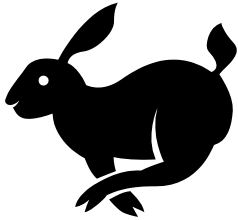
Youth Large Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL

Roundtrip bus transportation is included in the cost of camp registration. Please circle which location your child will load the camp bus. (Locations are based on number of riders.)

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****Please make Checks payable to Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors****

Camp Registration & \$100 Fees Due April 30, 2014 to:
 Pierce County UW-Extension Office; 412 W. Kinne St., Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011



**Pierce County Annual Swap
&
Rabbit and Cavy Fun Show
May 10, 2014
Pierce County Fairgrounds Ellsworth, WI**

Indoor Swap:

Doors open at 7:00 am
\$2.00 admission fee for buyers and sellers (12 and under free)
All Poultry MUST be blood tested before the swap
NO PIGS ALLOWED
Come Early to get the good stuff

Rabbit & Cavy Show:

Entries taken from 8:00—9:45 am
Entries are \$2.00 per animal, No limits of number of entries
Entries will be made by breed, gender, color and age
Will follow the breeds & classes according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association
Awards will be given for Best in Show, Reserve in Show, Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Placement

Show starts at 10:00 am
Ribbons 1st –3rd

We will have a food stand and a raffle

Bring your lawn chairs. Parents / guardians are responsible for the behaviors of their children

For more information about the SWAP contact Joe Kerns 715-797-3647
 FUN SHOW contact Andrea Nthole at 715-426-0775

All proceeds go to the Pierce County 4-H Small Animal Committee for project improvement activities

**REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR GARDEN U
SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2014
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**River Falls Grow to Share Garden, located East of Hoffman Park
For youth ages 6-12**

From the depths of soil and the extravagant plant uses to the mystery of beneficial insects, come and learn and grow with the St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners and Pierce County Extension. Youth ages 6-12 are invited to join us for this interactive day. Camp will be from 9:00-12 noon. With high energy and passion for youth development, this program will be full of engaging activities related to plant and soil science.

The cost of this summer opportunity is \$5.00.

Please return this form with a check for \$5 made out to UW Extension to:
 UW Extension Office, 412 W. Kinne Street, PO Box 69, Ellsworth WI 54011

Due by June 5, 2014

Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

**2014 4-H Gateway Academy:
A Science, Engineering, Technology & Math Experience for Youth**
July 14-18, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, River Falls High School Room D102



The 4-H Gateway Academy Offers:

- Fun and challenging hands-on, high tech projects
- Valuable teamwork experience
- Real-world views of engineering and technical careers
- Recreational opportunities
- Friendships with students who have similar interests

The summer program is specifically designed by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers — Education Foundation and 4-H to help middle school students explore careers in science, technology, engineering and math. For those students entering high school, now is the ideal time to start on the path toward a profession in technical careers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects the demand for engineers to increase by 160,000 or 11 percent from 2006-2016.

The 4-H Gateway Academy has instructors certified to teach this day camp. They will provide expert instruction in small group settings. During the week, campers will work together in a fun, exciting environment using leading-edge technologies to sample such disciplines as robotics, aeronautics, and computer design.

4-H GATEWAY ACADEMY APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Boys or girls entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2014.
- Interested in science, technology, engineering or math careers.
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment.
- Curious about how things work.
- Willing to participate in the activities and the field trip.
- Eager to have fun, learn something new, and make new friends.

***The 4-H Gateway Academy is a joint venture of
University of Wisconsin-Extension, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education
Foundation, and River Falls School District***

About UW-Extension-Pierce County 4-H

Children and youth build leadership skills, gain life skills, and explore careers through 4-H projects. Over 900 youth are members of 4-H in Pierce County. The 4-H Gateway Academy is a partnership which involves 4-H activities along with the development of hands-on, high-tech projects. Visit <http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h> to learn more about 4-H in Pierce County.

**About the SME Education Foundation
The Society of Manufacturing Engineers**

(SME) Education Foundation advances manufacturing education through youth programs and scholarships. Science, Technology, and Engineering Preview Summer (STEPS) Academy, now Gateway Academy, was created in an effort to fill the pipeline with skilled manufacturing workers. Visit www.sme.org/foundation for more info.

About Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a non-profit organization that provides pre-engineering curriculum for middle and high school students. Its Gateway to Technology program is the basis for the Gateway Academy. PLTW is in more than 2,000 schools in 40 states and the District of Columbia, educating more than 175,000 students. Learn more at www.pltw.org.



Registration for Pierce County 4-H Gateway Academy July 14-18, 2014

Day Campers will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis (limited to first 20) by completing the registration and sending it along with a non-refundable payment of \$40.00, which includes a t-shirt.

For additional information please contact:

Frank Ginther, 4-H Youth Development Agent, francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu or 715-273-6781.

Student Name

First: _____ Last: _____

Grade: (2014-15 school year) _____

Address

Street: _____ City/Zip: _____

Parent or Guardian Name:

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Media Release (please check one)

I grant permission

I do not grant permission

I grant the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin Extension and River Falls School District and agents unlimited permission to copyright and use, publish, and republish for purposes of advertising, public relations, trade or any other lawful use, information about my child's participation in this program and reproductions (photographic or otherwise) of my child's voice, likeness and any related creative works produced.

I have read all statements above and fully understand the contents. This release and contract shall be binding upon me and my legal representatives.

Parent or Guardian Printed Name

Parent or Guardian Signature/Date

Send completed registration form & check to: **Pierce County UW-Extension**
412 West Kinne Street
Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069

Make check for \$40 payable to: Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors

T-Shirt Size – Circle → Youth Large Adult Small Adult Med. Adult Large Adult XL

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Developing Self
Mental and Physical Health



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