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# 4-H Informant

**PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER**

**February 2016**

Dear Family and Friends of Pierce County 4-H,



Have you noticed? Daylight hours are getting longer, seed catalogs have arrived in the mail, and we have a long list of 4-H programs on our calendar.

4-H has a multitude of opportunities for members and non-members alike. Have you considered introducing a friend who is not in 4-H to our 4-H family?

1. Start by asking them to a 4-H event
2. Explain that 4-H is a family activity. All family members are welcome.
3. Talk about the variety of 4-H projects. 4-H is not just animal projects: it's shooting sports, nature space, cultural arts, photography, robotics, family living, plant and soil science, and so much more.
4. Chat about the leadership skills that you have learned.
5. Emphasis all the opportunities that you have taken advantage of through the 4-H program
6. Tell how much fun you have while learning.

**Who could resist such a wonderful program?**

Wishing you the best in this 4-H year.

Sincerely,

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## 4-H Family Calendar

### February

2 Indianhead Sheep Breeders Asso. Clinic, Rice Lake  
9 Horse Committee Mtg. PCOB 7 p.m.  
11 VIP Training, Ellsworth, 7 pm  
12 WI 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest Registration Due  
15 Adult Chaperone Applications for State Trips Due  
15 County Dues must be turned into the Extension Office  
16 VIP Training River Falls Library, 6:30 pm  
16,23,&March1 Robotics the NeXT Generation  
19 Art Beat Registration Due  
19 Camp Counselor Applications Due  
20 March/April Informant Dates Due to Extension Office  
21 Horse Winter Round-up, Seyforth Building  
21 VIP Training at Winter Round-up  
23 Club Leader Gathering 6: 30 p.m. PCOB  
25 Sheep, 6:00-7:30 pm, Extension Office  
25& March 3 WEDO Robotics Fun Night  
27 Indoor Archery, 9-noon & 1-4  
28 Indoor Archery 1-4 p.m.

### March

1 Air Rifle/Air Pistol Safety Orientation  
3 Horse Committee Meeting, PCOB, 7p  
3 Introduction to LEGO NXT Robotics Part One,  
Seyforth Building 6p-8p  
5 Regional Horse Bowl & Educational Day UWRF  
7 VIP Training, Ellsworth, 5:30 pm  
7 WI Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon  
12,13,19,20 Air Pistol  
12 Air Rifle, 10-noon & 1-3  
13 Air Rifle, 1-3  
15,22, &29NXT Mindstorm Robot Olympics  
17,24,&31 WEDO Robotics  
19 Performing Arts Festival, Spring Valley Elementary  
19 Air Rifle, 10-noon & 1-3  
20 Air Rifle, 1-3  
25 Adult Advisors Scholarship and Key Award Due  
31 Swine Learning Series 6:00-7:30 pm PCOB

### April

16 Sheep/Goat weigh in - PC Fairgrounds  
16 Swine tagging day  
17 Mandatory Dog Orientation Meeting, Seyforth Bldg. 1:00

## 4-H Club News

**Leaders - Reminder your CLUB DUES are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues will go up after February 15<sup>th</sup>. All dues must be paid in full by May 1 or clubs will not receive their fair entry forms.**

### Copies of the 4-H Informant/Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter in a hard copy form regularly mailed to you, please call the Extension Office with your request and mailing address. Otherwise, the newsletter will sent out electronically via email for the remainder of the year except the "Fair Edition". It is also available on our website; <http://pierce.uwex.edu/>

## Memorial Donation Received in Memory of Susie Geraets

We have all been saddened by the untimely passing of one of our 4-H Vounteers, Susan Geraets who tragically died in January at age 44. Susan was an active member of the 4-H Poultry and Small Animal Committee, taught numerous workshops for youth, advised countless adults, conducted poultry blood testing across the miles, and served as the Superintendent of the Poultry Department at the Pierce County Fair. She was always ready with frank down to earth advice or just to provide friendly information about all aspects of Poultry and Small Animals for anyone who entered the barn. We are pleased to share with you that Baldwin Lightstream, Susie's place of employment for 16 years has provided a generous donation to Pierce County 4-H in memory of Susan. This \$1000 gift will help to benefit members and families in the 4-H Poultry and Small Animal project areas for years to come. We would like to publically thank and acknowledge Baldwin Lightstream for their remembrance of Susan Gerates.

## Fair News

### Fair Dates

2016 - August 11-14th - "Going for the Gold at the Pierce County Fair"

### Fair Sign Program

The fair sign program will be offered again for the 2016 Fair. We will be paying your club \$25 for putting up a new sign and/or \$10 for each previously used sign if the dates are changed to help promote the Pierce County Fair. Max payment to club is \$25 for one OR two sided new sign and max is \$10 for updated one OR two sided sign. This is open to 4-H and FFA chapters. Sign must be at least 4 feet by 8 feet (standard sheet of plywood) and include "Pierce County Fair", "August 11-12-13-14", "Ellsworth" and your club/chapter name. Please don't include any other words as it detracts from the message.

### Century & Sesquicentennial Farms & Homes Wanted

A farm or home (in whole or part) that has been in continuous family ownership are encouraged to complete an application to be recognized at the WI State Farm as well as this year's Pierce County Fair. Farms & homes with 100 or 150 years of continuous ownership through the year 2016 are eligible. Contact the fair office or check out our web-site for more details. [www.co.pierce.wi.us/fair/fair\\_main.php](http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/fair/fair_main.php)

**Remember to cash your Fair premium check if you haven't already**

## Adult Leaders

### VIP Training

Required Training for all New 4-H Volunteers (Formerly Youth Protection, now VIP)

All NEW Wisconsin 4-H volunteers will have to complete a "Mandated Reporter" training, done online, and come in for a "VIP Meeting" with their local 4-H Youth Development Agent (In Pierce County that is: Frank Ginther). Current volunteers who were up to date with "Youth Protection" as of last year do NOT have to do this – but please pass this along to your new club volunteers!

**Step One:** Enroll as an adult volunteer in 4hOnline.com, from your individual profile page or the profile page that your family already may have created, click on "trainings" (toward the top middle of the screen). It will take you to a new screen, click on "Sign Up for a Training" and follow the next screens through to take the Mandated Reporter online training.

**Step Two:** Sign up for one of the Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) Meetings with Frank. Please call/email ahead to sign up – at least by Noon the business day BEFORE the meeting to let us know you plan to attend. We need at least three people to hold the session. They are about an hour long, and will be offered the following dates if there are sufficient attendees:

- \* Thursday, February 11th, 7:00 pm, Pierce County Office Building - Ellsworth
- \* Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30 pm, River Falls Public Library – "Upper Lobby Meeting Room"
- \* Sunday, February 21st, at the Winter Round-up held at the Seyforth Bldg. on the Fairgrounds
- \* Monday, March 7th, 5:30 pm, Pierce County Office Building – Ellsworth
- \* Monday, March 21st, River Falls Public Library – "Upper Lobby Meeting Room"

Contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781 or these e-mails to sign-up: [andy.radkey@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:andy.radkey@ces.uwex.edu) or [joanna.demulling@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:joanna.demulling@ces.uwex.edu). You may also contact 4-H Youth Development Agent Frank Ginther at [francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu) with questions or to arrange an individual VIP training meeting. Welcome to Wisconsin 4-H!! We're glad to have your help!

## **Adult Chaperone Applications for Statewide 4-H Trips**

Applications for 2016 State and National 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/files/2015/07/16-Natl-Chap-Ap.pdf>.

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA. Note the **deadline of February 15, 2016**. We've had numerous adults from Pierce County take part in this opportunity. Consider traveling with WI statewide 4-H youth today!

### **American Spirit West Chaperone**

Purpose: The purpose of the 4-H American Spirit West Experience is:

1. To provide a learning experience to increase knowledge and understanding of America's natural heritage.
2. To increase awareness of our state and nation's natural resources and have youth become active in their local natural environments to create healthier and well-informed citizens.
3. To further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values.
4. To increase youths' awareness of self in relationship to other group members.
5. To identify one or more ways to share what youth have learned with their clubs and counties.

If you are interested in the American Spirit West Chaperone trip and would like more information on it please call the Extension Office 715-273-6781 and we will email you the info.

### **Club Leader Gathering**

**CALLING ALL CLUB LEADERS** - When: Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:30pm Where: Pierce County Office Building Downstairs Meeting Room Who: Club Leaders Why: A time for Club Leaders to meet together to learn from one another. We meet 2-3 times a year. We will discuss a different topic every time we meet. We'll use this time for veteran club leaders to share what they know & for newer leaders to learn, and for newer leaders to share new ideas with veteran leaders. - April Daniels 715-760-2973

## **Older Members**

### **Older Member trip**

We are in the initial stages of planning an older member trip/outing. If you have ideas for an older member trip, please contact the Extension Office. Possible ideas include: theatre, sporting events, recreation trips, ropes or challenge courses, give us your ideas. We will see what we can do.

### **Host Families Sought for One-Month 4-H Japan and Korea Exchange Programs**

Local families are needed to host Japanese and South Korean exchange students, ages 12 to 18, for four weeks this summer as part of an exchange program sponsored by 4-H. The Japanese and Korean teenagers will stay with their American host families from July 24 to August 20, 2016.

The program is open to 4-H families living in Wisconsin with children between the ages of 10 and 18. Families without children in this age range will be considered as hosts for the adult chaperones from Japan or Korea for two-week periods. You only need a willingness to share your home and your world. There is no need to know Japanese or Korean language. The students have all studied English and are anxious to use it.

## 2017 CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

### Presidential Inauguration Information & Registration

Interested in government, politics, history, and want a new 4-H experience, consider attending the 2017 Presidential Inauguration on January 17-21, 2017. CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus) is offering a unique opportunity to attend the Presidential Inauguration next January. The program will cost approximately \$1300 per person and is open to youth ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2017. Registration will be through your 4-H Online account and will open March 1 at 6:00 pm and close March 16 at midnight or when the spots are filled. Mandatory Orientation teleconference will be November 17 between 7:30-8:45 pm. For more information contact the Pierce County UW-Extension office.

### 2016 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by **March 15, 2016**. Check the website at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/support-4-h/538-2/> for complete information. Applications consist of a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects the applicant participated in, and a recent photo. For specific details on these items, please contact the Extension Office.

### Pierce County Adult Advisors Scholarship

Pierce County Adult Advisors will be awarding \$400 scholarships to seniors in Pierce County. Criteria and application forms are available on our website: <http://pierce.uwex.edu/> or stop by the office or call and we can mail one to you. Applications are due in the Extension Office on **March 25, 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

## Younger Members

**ArtBeat!** Would you like to have fun and learn about different forms of art in the 4-H art project. Register for ArtBeat! which will be held March 18-19, 2016<sup>st</sup> at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI. This camp was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more! The registration deadline is **February 19, 2016**. For more information and the application form visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/files/2014/05/2016-ArtBeat-Application-Form.pdf> or [christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu)

## Robotics

### Robotics Workshops

**Classes are Free BUT YOU MUST CALL TO REGISTER as classes will fill up. Space is limited. Sign up for any of these classes by calling the UW Extension Office at 715-273-6781. For much more information on all classes go to <http://pierce.uwex.edu/> under 4-H or call the UW Extension Office at 715-273-6781 and info more info on each class can be sent or emailed to you.**

**GO ONLINE TO GET INFO FOR EACH OF THESE CLASSES BELOW. CLASSES ARE FILLING UP!**

**NXT's 104 Robotics the NeXT Generation February 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (Grades 4-12)**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Building located on the Pierce County Fair Grounds.

**NXT's 105 NXT MINDSTORM 2.0 Robot Olympics March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Grades 6-12)**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Bldg at the Pierce County Fair Grounds. Call the UW-Extension Office 715-273-6781 to register

**WEDO Robotics 106 Fun Nights February 25<sup>th</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 (Grades 1-3) 6:00-7:30**

Call 715-273-6781 to register. Space is limited. Seyforth Bldg. Fairgrounds.

**WEDO Robotics 107 The Power of Technology and LEGO's March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup> (Grades 1-3) 6:00 at Seyforth Bldg.**

**SOME CLASSES ARE ON WAIT LISTS ALREADY OR HAVE VERY LIMITED SPACE LEFT.**

**CALL TO RESERVE OR GET ON A WAITING LIST.**

# Arts

## Performing Arts Festival

**Where:** Spring Valley Elementary School, Spring Valley   **When:** Saturday, March 19, 2016

**Who:** All 4-H Members and Cloverbuds

**Time:** Performances and judging will begin at 9 a.m. The end of the day will depend on the registration numbers. There will be two awards ceremonies, one during intermissions recognizing photography awards and individual music eateries and the second awards ceremony will take place following the drama performances. As we are in the midst of a new beginning please remember that plans are subject to change due to the pace of music performance rooms and on stage performances.

**What:** This festival includes all of the group on-stage performances (plays, skits, mini-dramas, and musicals), the individual music performances, and the small ensemble music performances, Pierce County's Got Talent, Photography Judging and Life In Pierce County Photography Contest.

**Photography** - The Photography Festival and Life In Pierce County will be held at Spring Valley Elementary School, Spring Valley on the same day as the Performance Arts Festival Saturday, March 19, 2016. Please note judging will take place from 9:30 a.m.-11:30a.m. **See registration form and rules at the end of the newsletter.**

### 4H SHOWCHOIR, VELOCITY:

Any 4H member in 6-13th grades is welcome to apply to the 4H Showchoir, VELOCITY. There is no audition, only a willingness to learn music to sing and have fun moving while singing. Applications can be gotten either from the St. Croix county web site at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu> , the showchoir web site at <https://scc4hshowchoir.shutterfly.com> or e-mailing the director, Nancy Burman, at [music\\_mommy@hotmail.com](mailto:music_mommy@hotmail.com) Application deadline is January 31, 2016. There is a \$100 fee to be in the choir, plus members will need to purchase dance shoes, and some clothing items.

We are in the process of setting up the rehearsal and performance schedule. Please contact Nancy if you have any questions regarding rehearsal and performance dates. There will be a list of tentative dates and all registration forms on the SCC Showchoir web site at <https://scc4hshowchoir.shutterfly.com> after December 1st, 2015.

The Choir is open to boys and girls from all 4-H clubs and any county. We have a great time singing together, learning to be coordinated with the dance steps, and performing at the county and state fairs.

Come join the 4H Showchoir, VELOCITY for a great summer experience as part of your 4H program!!

**THE SHOWCHOIR IS LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS:**

The St. Croix County 4H Showchoir could use a bass guitar & electric guitar player in the 2016 shows and performances. If you are interested in performing with the choir, please contact director, Nancy Burman at [music\\_mommy@hotmail.com](mailto:music_mommy@hotmail.com)

### 4-H Summer Camp Counselors STILL NEEDED!

Hey 9<sup>th</sup> grade & older 4-H Members - Become a Camp Counselor this summer!! Deadline to sign up has been extended!! Camp dates are June 27-30, 2016 (Training & Camp) April 10<sup>th</sup> is Counselor Training

**Benefits:** Receive unique opportunity for personal and organizational leadership development, all training materials, camp sweatshirt, camp lanyard, camp drawstring backpack, and all meals and lodging at 4-H Camp.

**Application Fee:** Waived at time of application for Pierce County 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Counselor Staff through a State Farm grant

#### Application Procedure and Deadline:

Send 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa Application along with a cover letter (call UWEX office to have one emailed to you) by Feb. 19, 2016 to: **Pierce County UW-Extension, P O BOX 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011** Email: [francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu)  
Call 715-273-6781 to have an application emailed to you or find the form on our website: <http://pierce.uwex.edu/>

# Camp

Applications for 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa 2016 are now open through your 4-H Online Account

## 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 River!



4-H Base Camps: June 28-30, 2016

Enjoy an outdoor adventure at the 2016 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.

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

### 4-H Explorers Base Camp

Open to campers in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades  
(2015-2016 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades  
(2015-2016 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 28-30, 2016

Open to campers in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades (2015-2016 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 overnights at William O'Brien State Park

#### 4-H Outpost Adventure features:

- 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!

#### **4-H Camp Transportation and Hours**

Campers will need to arrive at camp by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and will depart at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Camp is located north of Stillwater, MN on Highway 95. Please choose your pick up and drop off location. Buses will be available to pick up campers in Ellsworth at the Pierce County Office Building, in Hudson at the Somerset Exit #4 on 94, and in Durand. Please note on the form if the camper will not need transportation and be taken to and picked up from camp by a parent.

**Health forms MUST be updated on 4-H online between June 1 and June 15, 2016**

### **How to register for Camp Kinnissippewa**

1. LOGIN TO YOUR [HTTPS://WI.4HONLINE.COM](https://wi.4honline.com) ACCOUNT
  - a. FORGOT YOUR EMAIL THAT YOU USED FOR A USER NAME? CALL THE UWEX OFFICE, 715-273-6781
  - b. FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD? YOU RESET IT RIGHT FROM THE LOGIN PAGE – BUT YOU MUST KNOW YOUR EMAIL USED AS USER NAME
2. GO TO YOUR “MY MEMBER LIST”
3. SCROLL DOWN THE PAGE
4. UNDER “REGISTER A MEMBER IN AN EVENT”, SELECT YOUR CHILD’S NAME FROM THE DROPDOWN BOX UNDER “MEMBER”, THEN SELECT “4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA”
5. UNDER “REGISTRATION TYPES”, LOOK TO THE RIGHT SIDE AND CLICK ON “REGISTER”
6. FILL OUT THE FORM AND CONTINUE THROUGH SCREENS TO REGISTER
7. Please note - payment cannot be made online – you must submit the registration fee to the Pierce County UW-Extension Office within two weeks of online registration to confirm your child’s spot.
8. Checks can be made payable to “**Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors**” and mailed to:  
PIERCE COUNTY UW-EXTENSION OFFICE  
412 WEST KINNE STREET  
PO BOX 69  
ELLSWORTH, WI 54011

**A \$10 late fee is assessed for 4-H camp registrations received after April 30, 2016.** The Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors pays \$20 for each camper 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.

## **Livestock**

### **Important Livestock Dates**

**There will be a livestock learning series for 2016 (Meetings will take place in the Pierce County Extension Office meeting room) 6:00 PM–7:30 PM**

- **February 25, Sheep**
- **March 31, Swine**
- **April 28, Meat Goats**
- **Check the Livestock website for more dates**

**Indianhead Sheep Breeders Association**, "Finding the Profit in Your Flock" ISBA Annual Shephard's Clinic, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Rice Lake, WI, February 6, 2016  
**Sheep Breeders Assoc. Annual Sheep Sale**- UWRF Mann Valley Farm- April 3, 2016, [chanson@sdwi.org](mailto:chanson@sdwi.org)  
**Block and Bridle Show**, April 30 and May 1, 2016, Pierce County Fairgrounds  
**UWRF Show Pig Sale**, April 2, 2016, Mann Valley Farm  
**Dust 'Em Off Livestock Show**, June 4, St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Glenwood City  
**Area Animal Science Days**, June 30, 2016 St. Croix County Fairgrounds, Glenwood City  
**Interstate Livestock Show**, June 19, 2016 Polk County Fairgrounds, St. Croix Falls, WI

#### **4-H Meats Judging Contest**

The 4-H Meats judging contest will take place on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the University of Wisconsin Madison Meat Lab with Registration starting at 12:30. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, retail cut identification quiz. There is a Sr. and Jr. division contest as the state level. For more information regarding 2016 meats judging contest please follow the link <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>. Interested: Call UWEX Office at 715-273-6781

#### **4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest**

When: Saturday, March 5, 2016 Where: UW Madison Animal Sciences Building

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Want to learn more? Click on the link below for more information and contact the Pierce County Extension Office if you are interested in forming a team!  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>

#### **Livestock Judging - Join the Pierce County Teams!**

2016 marks the start for new opportunities for Pierce County 4-H/ FFA livestock project members. In past participation in Area Animal Science Days, Agriculture Technology Contests, and other educational workshops related to livestock, youth have been asking, when are livestock judging practices going to start for the new 2016 judging year? Any youth who are in grades three through thirteen who have an interest in animal agriculture and its related industries are encouraged to participate in Livestock Judging. By participating in livestock judging youth will have the opportunity to travel and visit a diversity of beef, swine, lamb and goat farming operations within Pierce County and travel throughout the state to view and judge animals from top producing herds. Youth will meet and interact with the owners and managers of these successful operations, and these contacts can help youth better understand animal agriculture and develop stronger ties with its leaders. For more information regarding practice times and schedules please contact Baily Sherwin at 715-307-3412 or the UWEX office at 715-274-6781

**-2016 Swine Exhibitors - Swine tagging day will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**-Sheep and Goat Weigh-In- is April 16th 2016**

## **Dog**

**Mandatory Dog Orientation Meeting is April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Building. Anyone participating in the dog project for the fair **MUST** attend this meeting. No Dogs at this meeting. If you are unable to attend you must contact the committee and you will be required to make it up. A packet with all required dog forms and important information is being mailed to each person who signed up for the dog project. If you have questions please contact the committee at: [piercedogcommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:piercedogcommittee@hotmail.com)

An EEO/AA employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

## Horse

### Winter Round-up Mandatory Meeting for all Pierce County 4-H Horse Families

When: Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. for new members/leaders; 4 p.m. for established members/ leaders

Where: Seyforth Building on the Pierce County Fairgrounds in Ellsworth

Topics offered: Fairbook and Horse Project Form changes, Horse Bowl and other educational opportunities, County Horse Handbook. **You are required to attend this meeting if you plan to attend Pierce County Fair with your Horse or Pony!**

Questions, use the Pierce County 4-H Horse Committee E-mail: [piercecounty4-hhorseproject@outlook.com](mailto:piercecounty4-hhorseproject@outlook.com)

Feb. 9 Horse Committee meeting 7:00 PCOB

### Mar. 5 Regional 4-H Horse Bowl and Horse Project Educational Day

Date: March 5, 2016; Check-in: 8:30 a.m.; Contest: 9:00 a.m.

Location: UW-River Falls Agricultural Science Building; 611 S 3rd St, River Falls, WI 54022

Guest Speaker: Dr. Casie Bass, PhD, UW-River Falls

Topic: Considerations in equine nutrition and digestion

Competitions offered: Horse Bowl, Hippology, Posters, Drawings, Photography

Registration due: February 19<sup>th</sup> to [jennifer.weinert@uwrf.edu](mailto:jennifer.weinert@uwrf.edu).

Form: <http://pierce.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects-activities/>

Questions? Call or email Jen Weinert at 715-415-4845 or [jennifer.weinert@uwrf.edu](mailto:jennifer.weinert@uwrf.edu)

## Foods

### FOODS REVUE

The Foods Revue has been SCHEDULED for April 2<sup>th</sup> 2016 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Ellsworth High School. Foods members will be mailed new forms that will be due on March 31<sup>st</sup>! Watch for this mailing!!

### Photography

The Photography Committee is offering a mini-workshop during the Performing Arts Festival on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Spring Valley Elementary school. No need to pre-register, just come and learn about "Still Life" Photographs.

### 4-H Shooting Sports

**Enrolled Shooting Sports Project Members:** The shooting sport packets for this year have been mailed. Enclosed in the mailing was a calendar of events for the year, an expectations sheet as well as the pre-enrollment/emergency information forms. Please return your enrollment forms along with your program fees to the Extension Office by February 19th. If you are enrolled shooting sports & did not receive a packet please contact the office & to be mailed to you.

**Coming up:** Indoor Archery, Air rifle & air pistol camps are starting soon. You do not have to be enrolled in shooting sports to come & try the camps. However, you must be enrolled as a 4-H member in 3rd grade & age 8 or over to participate in air rifle or archery. You must be at least 10 to shoot air pistol.

**Indoor archery:** All sessions will be held at the River Falls Armory & safety will be held at the beginning of all indoor sessions. If you cannot be there when it starts you will have to wait for the next session. It is held at the beginning so there is enough time to shoot after it.

Feb 27th\* 2 sessions 9-noon & 1-4pm

\*These sessions on the 27th are reserved for shooters with less than 3 years of experience. If you are interested in shooting on this day you will need to return the registration sheet included in this Informant to the extension office.

Feb 28th 1 session 1-4pm

April 24th 1 session 1-4pm

May 1st 1 session 1-4pm

**Air Rifle:** All sessions will be held at the River Falls Armory & safety will ONLY be held the morning of March 12th & the afternoon of March 13th!! Air rifle, just like archery, safety will only be at the beginning of sessions. If you cannot be there when it starts you will have to wait for the next safety session. If you cannot make either of these dates you can submit something in writing to the shooting sports committee for an exception.

March 12 2 sessions 10-noon - Safety offered & 1-3pm - NO safety

March 13 1 session 1-3pm Safety offered

March 19 2 sessions 10-noon – Safety offered & 1-3pm

March 20 1 session 1-3pm – Safety offered

April 9 2 sessions 10-noon & 1-3pm

April 10 1 session 1-3pm

April 16 2 sessions 10-noon & 1-3pm

April 17 1 session 1-3pm

April 23rd SHOOT OFF \*Anyone that has attended 4 sessions can shoot for trophies. This a fun contest!

**Air Pistol:** All sessions will be held at the River Falls Armory. Open to 4-H members 10 & over. 1<sup>st</sup> & second year shooters will need to attend safety training.

March 12, 13, 19, 20 April 9,10, 16, 17 \*3-4:30pm.

April 23rd SHOOT OFF \*Anyone that has attended 4 sessions can shoot for trophies. This a fun contest!

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## Beginner Archery Registration

February 27, 2016

Open to any 4-H member with 3 years or less experience with archery. You do not need to be enrolled in the archery project for the fair but you must be enrolled in Pierce County 4-H, in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and at least 8 years old. You are not required to have your own equipment. Safety training is required for first or second year shooters. Safety will be held at the beginning of each session.

Beginner Archery will be held at the River Falls Armory

We will be holding 2 sessions. Please circle what works best for you

9-noon

1-4 pm

Both

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of 4-H archery experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled in the archery project for the fair? Yes No

Do you own your own equipment? Yes No

An EEO/AA employer, UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements. Please make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs as early as possible preceding the scheduled program, service or activity.

## **Platbook Committee Members and Ad Captains Needed for 2016**

Pierce County 4-H has decided to go ahead with a new Platbook campaign. We need each club to participate in full force by selling advertising to ensure success and to safeguard future county 4-H activities. An ad sales kickoff meeting will be planned for March and will last through April 15, 2016.

You may be asking yourself some questions regarding the above announcement. Here are some potential answers:

Q: Why do we have to print/sell another Platbook?

A: The last edition of the Platbook was printed in 2013. The map publishing company prefers to update the book every three-four years so that new books are out in 2017. If we start now, we should have a new book out by October 1. The new platbook will have colored ads, updated road and avenue information, and newly labeled plat maps. Platbooks also serve as a great place to promote 4-H, we get to put in a great deal of 4-H clip art and general information about the 4-H program here in Pierce County. Also, every day that we wait increases the chance of a competing company coming into our county and producing a book without us and competing with our local fundraising activity!

Q: Why do we need another fundraiser when we have over \$40,000 in checking?

A: Yes, we have a large sum in our Adult Advisors checking account, but this is a crucial time in the 4-H year. Last year, Pierce County Adult Advisors, Inc. spent about \$25,000 on sponsored award trips, camp, scholarships, leader trainings, activities and programs. The money that your club helps to raise at the County Fair Food Stand sponsors events all year long. A second, very important source of our funds comes from Platbook sales, and it has been a part of our fundraising needs since the 1950's. These funds help to cover increasing costs of the 4-H program as well as ongoing basic programs and expanded new ventures. As county and State budgets get tighter, we may need to do more for our own program. Plus the Wall and Patio project still needs to be paid off. Clubs CAN be eligible for direct fundraising for their own needs when they sell ads or recruit new ad buyers.

Q: Why does our club have to sell ads?

A: The Platbook Committee will be contracting for 1000 books at an approximate cost of \$13,000. Each Pierce County 4-H club sells ads to help cover the cost of the Platbook so that when we sell the finished books, we make a profit. All of our clubs work together to form an important part of the total program and each club has a responsibility to that program. Every Pierce County member and his/her family benefits from the program and the dollars generated to help sponsor different educational events and activities. Additionally, if each club does their part, the total work will be divided up and will reduce what each individual has to do.

Q: Will we be trained and assigned to ad sales areas or can we call on anyone and who can sell ads?

A: A representative from your club will head up ad sales for your area of the county. If someone cannot attend the Ad Sales kickoff meeting in March, someone from the UW-Extension Office will help to train you in before you make your local contacts. **We are requesting that each club please notify the Extension Office with your designee(s) name to make local contact for new ad sales or ad renewals by February 15th.** Platbook Ad Captains can be older members, retired leaders, current parents, or anyone else that you feel could represent your club. We hope for 70-80% repeat business from our advertisers, which should lighten the load on sellers. The plan is to have proofs available from the last time that we sold ads. This should help to speed up your business or individual contacts by allowing potential buyers to review their last ad and quickly decide to renew!

Q: What do the local clubs get out of this project?

A: When the finished book arrives, clubs will again have the opportunity to check-out books or CD's and sell them locally. Those clubs who undertake this receive a kickback of approx. \$3.00 per book to use as a local fundraiser for their own club activities. Clubs NOT selling advertising for this project will be ineligible to check-out finished Platbooks for local sales.

Please contact the UW-Extension Office if you are willing to be a Platbook Ad Captain for your 4-H Club at 715-273-6781 or by e-mailing: [sandy.radkey@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sandy.radkey@ces.uwex.edu) OR [joanna.demulling@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:joanna.demulling@ces.uwex.edu) OR [francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu). **If you are willing to be on the Platbook Committee to help review bids from various Platbook companies, select cover photos, help place ads in the mock-up book, set ad pricing levels, and review the proceeds as they come in, please let us know by February 15<sup>th</sup> as well. We need your help in many ways for this once every four year fundraiser, please step forward and find a place to assist!! Together, we can have this wrapped up in a few short months. Thank you!**

**Performing Arts Festival 2016**  
**Group Performance Section - GUIDELINES**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2016 - Spring Valley Elementary School, Spring Valley**

- 1) **REGISTRATION** - Each club will make the determination of the category they plan to enter and complete a registration form. Registrations for the group performance section of the Performance Arts Festival are due to the UW-Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.
  - a) If a club wishes to enter more than category, please complete a separate registration form for each production. A club may enter in a total of two group performance categories, but may not compete against themselves with the same type of entry. For example a club could enter a play and a musical, but may not enter Play A and Play B.  
Plays, mini-dramas, skits and musicals will be considered four separate categories.
  - b) 4-H members and Cloverbuds interested in participating in the group performance section of the Performance Arts Festival may combine with another club(s) for participation.
  - c) We will try to give preference to the time(s) a club wishes to be placed on the program schedule, but we cannot guarantee the time you desire. A schedule will be made up and mailed to the director of each production before the Performance Arts Festival.
- 2) **INTRODUCTION** - Each club should plan an introduction to their performance. The introduction should include, club name, director, title of production and author of production. For Example: *Welcome Ladies and Gentleman*. The *Clover Gemstones*, under the direction of Winnie Green, present "4-H is Spectacular" written by Chris Clover.
- 3) **DIRECTORS** - The director(s) may be any 4-H member(s) or adult(s). All adult directors must have completed their youth protection training.
- 4) **PROPS** - Clubs are responsible for bringing their own props and must be removed from the staging area immediately following your performance. Clubs are responsible for their own clean-up following their performance. Hazardous props such as water or other liquids that may spill are not allowed. Lit candles, real fires, real weapons, hay and straw are prohibited (dry ice is okay if it is permitted by the facility).
- 5) **LIGHTING AND SOUND** - No special stage lighting or sound will be provided. Microphone use is for the announcement of entries only, not performances. If a production technician is available the day of the festival, all auditorium productions will receive equal sound and lighting treatment to the best of our abilities.
- 6) **CURTAIN** - Nothing should be pinned to the curtains. A curtain attendant will be responsible for pulling the curtain open and closed during the beginning and end of a production on the auditorium stage. The curtain should not be opened and closed for transition between acts.
- 7) **STAGE USE** - All play (on-stage dramas) and musical performances will be performed on stage in the auditorium regardless on the number of entries. Mini-dramas and skits may be scheduled to use a performance area in the band or choir room because they can be performed at or in any place (setting). If play and musical entries are low, skits and mini-dramas will be scheduled to perform on stage.
- 8) **WARM-UP SPACE** - There will be a warm-up room available for clubs in all performance categories. Clubs will move from the warm-up room to the staging area of their category before their scheduled performances. Props may be moved from warm-up room into the hall near the stage just prior to performing.
- 9) **CONTENT**- Performances must use appropriate 4-H/family language and actions for audiences of all ages. This includes, but is not limited to song lyrics, gestures, suggestive language/behavior, clothing/costuming, dance moves, etc.
- 10) **AWARDS**
  - a) Ribbons - White, red, blue and champion ribbons will be awarded to each club production performed. Category divisions will be play, mini-drama/skit and musical.

- b) Specialty Club Certificates - Clubs will receive specialty awards in the following, but not limited to, categories: Best Costumes, Best Creativity, Best Props, Most Enthusiastic, Best Stage Presence, Best Stage Combat, Best Choreography, Best Set, Best Original Drama, Best Casting...
- c) Special Recognition Certificates - "Clover Oscar" Awards will be presented for outstanding actors and actresses in each club production of a play, mini-drama and skit. "Clover Tony" Awards will be presented for outstanding individuals within a club musical production. Individuals will be chosen in each of the following categories to be recognized as the best over-all performers in the group performance section of the Performance Art Festival: Best Overall Male Younger Performer, Best Overall Male Older Performer, Best Overall Female Younger and Best Overall Female Older Performer.

## **CATEGORIES**

### **1. Play (on-stage drama)**

- Each group is limited to a play of any length up to 30 minutes, including set-up and take down time. It is suggested that performances be about 20 minutes in length.
- Performances must include 2 or more actors and all actors must be 4-H members or Cloverbuds.
- Play production groups should plan to furnish their own props and sound effect equipment.
- All plays will be performed on the auditorium stage.

### **2. Mini-Drama**

- A mini-drama is short performances with props and costumes.
- A mini-drama can be performed at or in any place (setting) and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc.
- Performance length can be up to 15 minutes, including set-up and take down.
- Performances must include 2 or more actors and all actors must be 4-H members or Cloverbuds.

### **3. Skits**

- Skits use minimal props and costumes (less is better).
- Skits can be performed at or in any place (setting) and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc. Performance length can be up to 15 minutes, including set-up and take down.
- Performances must include 2 or more actors and all actors must be 4-H members or Cloverbuds.

### **4. Musical**

- Each club may make only one group musical entry. In the county festival, the following types of music ensembles and folk dance groups are considered:
  - a) **Musical with live accompaniment** - Five or more vocalists, instrumentalists or dancers or any combination of these three. Emphasis should be placed on musical expression. Pantomiming to recordings is not permitted.
  - b) **Musical with recorded accompaniment** - Five or more vocalists, instrumentalists or dancers or any combination of these three. Emphasis should be placed on musical expression. Pantomiming to recordings is not permitted.
  - c) **Any Other Group Musical entry** - Five or more participants, with or without props. Emphasis should be placed on musical expression. Pantomiming to recordings is not permitted.
- **ACCOMPANIMENT** - Accompaniment can be by 4-H members or adults. Adult accompaniment or any other vocal accompaniment will not be allowed to sing along with the group's presentation. Recorded accompaniments may be used as long as there are no vocals on the recording. Adult vocal accompaniment not allowed. Performance length can be up to 15 min. including set-up take down.

## **Performing Arts Festival 2016**

**GROUP PERFORMANCE REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE SENT TO CLUB LEADER ONLY!  
ONLY ONE GROUP PERFORMANCE REGISTRATION FROM EACH GROUP SHOULD BE SENT!**

**Performing Arts Festival 2016**  
**MUSIC AND DANCE**  
**Individual or Small Ensemble (2-4 members) Registration**

One entry form per person; all exhibitors must fill out entry form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level (check one)**

- CLOVERBUD** – grades K, 1, 2     **NOVICE** – grades 3, 4     **JUNIOR** – grades 5, 6  
 **INTERMEDIATE** – grades 7, 8     **SENIOR** – grades 9 and above

**\*\*Maximum of four entries per person\*\***

**PIANO** years of experience in area \_\_\_\_\_

SOLO approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

PIANO-DUET/PIANO-INSTRUMENTAL, two to four members (only one piano available)

Approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

List type of instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUMENTAL** years of experience in area \_\_\_\_\_

SOLO approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ list type of instrument \_\_\_\_\_

DUET approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ list type of instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ENSEMBLE (3-4 members) approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

List type of instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCAL** years of experience in area \_\_\_\_\_

SOLO approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

DUET approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TRIO approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER  
NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

QUARTET approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER  
NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

**DANCE** years of experience in area \_\_\_\_\_

SOLO approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ list type of dance \_\_\_\_\_

ENSEMBLE (2-4 members) approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_ List type  
dance \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER(S) NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate type of accompaniment to be used:

\_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_ Piano \_\_\_\_\_ CD/Tape \_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist name (if used) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Return registration to:</b> <b>UW-Extension Office</b> <b>412 W. Kinne Street, Box 69</b> <b>Ellsworth, WI 54011</b> <b>By Tuesday, February 23, 2016</b>
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**PIERCE COUNTY'S GOT TALENT CONTEST 2016**

**\*\*MAXIMUM ONE GROUP ENTRY PER PERSON AND ONE INDIVIDUAL ENTRY PER PERSON\*\***

As a part of the Performance Arts Festival, we are once again offering, "Pierce County's Got Talent". This is a category where secretly placed judges will select the favorite performance based on audience appeal, stage presence and performance ability. They are not a part of the regular individual and small ensemble performances; rather, they are performed while the judges are finalizing the placing's on those music performances. These performances are not limited to music and dance performances alone, you can juggle, do magic tricks, poetry, etc. Use your imagination and be creative. The winners will also receive a cash prize!!

- ◆ **\$25 Prize money awarded and certificate (one per group winner and one per individual winner).**
- ◆ **All song lyrics and performance material must have 4-H appropriate language and content.**
- ◆ Time limit maximum of 15 minutes.
- ◆ Karaoke machine is available. **CAN NOT HAVE BEEN PERFORMED PREVIOUSLY TODAY AT this Festival.**
- ◆ **CONTENT-** Performances must use appropriate 4-H/family language and actions for audiences of all ages. This includes, but is not limited to song lyrics, gestures, suggestive language/behavior, clothing/costuming, dance moves, etc.

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: NOT OPEN TO NON-4-H MEMBERS**

1. **STAND UP COMEDY ACT** – A comic monologue performed by one person standing on a stage. 4-H appropriate subject matter and language.
2. **POETRY SLAM** – Slam poetry is original work meant to be spoken or read out loud. To write slam poetry you want to choose a topic that has to do with modern society. Be sure to take into account how it will sound when you are performing it. 4-H appropriate subject matter and language must be used.
3. **VOCAL SOLO** - Any type of vocal performance. May have piano accompaniment.
4. **DANCE SOLO** – Any type of dance. May have piano accompaniment. Must be 4-H appropriate in music selection and dance moves.
5. **INSTRUMENTAL SOLO** – Any type of instrumental performance. May have accompaniment.

**GROUP ENTRY: OPEN TO ANYONE AS LONG AS ONE PERSON IN THE GROUP IS ENROLLED IN 4-H (Invite your friends and family to compete. Any age eligible-siblings, parents, grandparents, friends etc.)**

1. **GARAGE BAND** – A group of 3 or more members playing any type music. 4-H appropriate subject matter/language.
2. **RYTHMIC/STOMP TYPE BAND** – Using non-conventional items for instruments. Garbage cans, 5-gallon pails, PVC pipes, brooms, hands, boots etc.
3. **FAMILY AND FRIEND FUN** – Any and all family members, young and old may participate. One, two or more families or friends may team up to form a group.
4. **DANCE TEAM** – Two or more dancers. Accompaniment may be recorded, with or without costumes or props
5. **A CAPPELLA** –Two or more singers using their voices without instrumental accompaniment (Beat boxing, hands, legs—no outside objects.)

**ENTRIES ARE DUE TUES. FEB. 23 – COMPLETE FORM BELOW↓**

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**ENTRY FORM FOR PIERCE COUNTY'S GOT TALENT CONTEST - ONE INDIVIDUAL ENTRY PER PERSON AND ONE GROUP ENTRY PER PERSON\*\***

**Name of Individual or Group** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club** \_\_\_\_\_

List of Individuals (if group) \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Main contact email \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP ENTRY**

- GARAGE BAND     A CAPELLA
- RYTHMIC STOMP TYPE BAND
- FAMILY AND FRIEND FUN
- DANCE TEAM
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY**

- STAND UP COMEDY ACT     POETRY SLAM
- VOCAL SOLO                 DANCE SOLO
- INSTRUMENTAL SOLO
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length of performance \_\_\_\_\_

## Performing Arts Festival 2016 Photography Festival Section

Date: Saturday March 19, 2016

Where: Spring Valley Elementary, Spring Valley

Who: All 4-H Members

Time: Judging will be from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30**. All photos will be on display after being judged. Members must be present when their photos are being judged.

Rules:

1. A maximum of five photos may be entered.
2. Entries may be black and white or colored photos.
3. Prints may be any size.
4. Matting and framing is permissible.
5. There will be one photography judge for all members.
6. Exhibitors will be judged in the following age groups:
  - Group A - Cloverbud - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Group B - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Group C - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - One year after High School
7. Each entry is to have a card approximately 3" x 5" with the following information: name, club, grade, title or description of item.
8. Photos **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED** by sending in the form located in this Informant. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Deadline is Tuesday, February 23.**



### Life In Pierce County Photo Contest

This contest will be held at the Performing Arts Festival on Saturday, March 19, 2016. The photos can depict scenery, people, and other features found in Pierce County. **No pre-registration is required**; photos should be brought to the festival by 11:00 a.m. at the Spring Valley Elementary School, Spring Valley, WI. Winning entries will be selected for the county display.

Guidelines for the contest are as follows:

1. The 4-H member entering the photo must have taken photos.
  2. Limit of **5** entries per individual.
  3. Photos must have been taken in Pierce County.
  4. Entries may be color or black and white, prints 4 x 6 (no slides or enlargements).
  5. The correct negative or digital disc must be submitted with entry on the day of display (strip and photo number clearly marked). The negative will be returned. **DO NOT CUT THE NEGATIVE STRIPS**. Each photo must have exhibitors name, age, negative number, and club on an attached 3" x 5" card. **A CD needs to be submitted containing the photo and the picture number for digital photos.**
  6. No compensation will be given for the photos. Photo credit will be listed for selected photos.
  7. Pictures should NOT be framed or matted.
  8. ***No registration is needed for "Life In Pierce County" photos.***
- Up to seven photos will be selected for display at the Pierce County Office Building. After a year of display the matted/enlarged print will be presented to the photographer.

# Photography Session – Registration Form

Make copies as needed

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

(one name per form please)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and return to:  
UW-Extension Office, PO Box 69,  
Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069 no later  
than Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

**I plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ photo exhibits (no more than 5 entries).**

## Helpers Wanted

The Photography and Performance Arts Festival is a big undertaking. We will need the full cooperation of all participating clubs to make it a success. If you are interested in helping please fill out this form and return to: UW-Extension Office, PO Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Area you would like to help in** (please check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Judging/Results Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium Usher        | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter/Welcome Table  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Room Door Monitor |   |

**Time(s) you are available to help** (please check all that apply)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Choice

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL JANUARY 23, 2016 - RESULTS**



**Congratulations to all of the Arts & Crafts participants in the  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Creative Arts and Communications Festival!!  
Everyone did a great job! Lots of artistic talent in these participants!  
All received red or blue, good job! Champions are listed below.**

<b>Artist Name</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	
Julia Boyle	2	Busy Fingers	
Lydia Cole	7	Country Partners	
Kenny Cosgrove	3	Martell Rushers	Champion
Billy Emery	7	Busy Fingers	
Joey Emery	1	Busy Fingers	
Quinn Emery	5	Busy Fingers	
Anika Hovland	4	River Rambler	
Henry Hovland	1	River Rambres	
Zachary Hutchins	4	Falcon Falls	Champion
Ethan Johnson	1	River Ramblers	
Elijah Klecker	7	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Champion
Elizabeth Klecker	13	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Champion
Jaci Mader	2	River Ramblers	Champion
Tyrone Mader	5	River Ramblers	
Lily Melstrom	4	Helping Hands	Champion
Sage Melstrom	4	Helping Hands	Champion
Samantha Miller	2	Falcon Falls	
Alixis Nehring	4	Rock Elm Skyrockets	
Michael Nehring	J	Rock Elm Skyrockets	
Madeline Nelson	5	Town & Country	
Paige Pablo	K	River Ramblers	
Zoe Pablo	4	River Ramblers	Champion
Austin Pabst	9	Martell Rushers	Champion
Klaudia Pepin	3	Town & Country	
Dawson Peters	6	Busy Fingers	Champion
Nevaeh Peters	K	Busy Fingers	
Rachel Pfingsten	7	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Champion
Sage Schladweiler	2	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Champion
Kelton Smith	6	Busy Fingers	
Varah Sorenson	2	Falcon Falls	Champion
Claire Stewart	6	Helping Hands	Champion
Mariah Stewart	12	Helping Hands	
Abigail Treichel	2	River Ramblers	Champion
James Treichel	K	River Ramblers	Champion

## Speaking and Communications Entries from the 2016 Creative Arts and Communications Festival. Congrats to all! Job well done!!

<b>Speaking</b>			
Schladweiler, Sage	2	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Blue
Nelson, Madeline	5	Town & Country	Blue/ Champion
Walker, Holt	3	Falcon Falls	Blue
James, Sean	4	Town & Country	Blue
Pechacek, Josie	4	Country Partners	Blue/ Champion
<b>Interpretive Reading</b>			
Schumaker, Marissa	11	Martell Rushers	Blue
Daniels, Meggan	7	Town & Country	Red
Vodinelich, Jordan	6	Fancy Doers	Red
Stewart, Claire	6	Helping Hands	Blue/ Champion
Melstrom, Sage	4	Helping Hands	Blue
Johnson, Camilla	4	River Ramblers	Blue/ Champion
Sorenson, Varah	2	Falcon Falls	Blue
Schladweiler, Sage	2	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Red
Pechacek, Maggie	2	Country Partners	Blue
Miller, Samantha	2	Falcon Falls	Blue/ Champion
Gland, Ester	12	Valley Eagles	Blue/Champion
Gland, Claire	8	Valley Eagles	Blue/Champion
<b>Dynamic Duos</b>			
Schmidt, Cecily & Stewart, Claire	6,6	Helping Hands	Blue/ Champion
Miller, Samantha & Meads Tova	2, 3	Falcon Falls	Blue/ Champion
Daniels, Aaron & Daneils, Alex	10,12	Town & Country	Blue/ Champion
<b>Terrific Trios</b>			
Rasmussen, Anya and Schmitt-Miske, Julia & Gus	4,5,3	Falcon Falls	Blue. Champion
<b>Demonstrations -</b>			
Smith, Kiley	10	Busy Fingers	Blue
Emery, Billy	7	Busy Fingers	Red
Pechacek, Josie	4	Country Partners	Red
Boyle, Jocelyn	4	Busy Fingers	Blue
Emery, Quinn	5	Busy Fingers	Blue
Claire Stewart & Cecily Schmidt, TEAM	6,6	Helping Hands	Red
Vodinelich, Jordan & Smith, Kelton TEAM	6,6	Fancy Doers	Blue

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<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>			
Peters, Nevaeh	K	Busy Fingers	Blue
Emery, Joey	1	Busy Fingers	Blue
Boyle, Julia	2	Busy Fingers	Blue
Schladweiler, Sage	2	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Blue
James, Mallory	1	Town & Country	Blue
Walker Blake	2	Falcon Falls	Blue
Mader, Jaci	2	River Ramblers	Blue
<b>4-H Pledge</b>			
Aufderhar, Kendra	3	Busy Fingers	Blue
Emery, Joey	1	Busy Fingers	Blue
Boyle, Julia	2	Busy Fingers	Blue
<b>Story Telling</b>			
Gland, Clara		Valley Eagles	Red
<b>Poetry</b>			
Schladweiler, Sage	4	Rock Elmskyrockets	Red
Daniels, Meggan	7	Town & Country	Red
Pechacek, Maggie	2	Country Partners	White
Pepin, Klaudia	3	Town & Country	Blue/ Champion
Schmidt, Tessa	4	Helping Hands	Blue
<b>Poster</b>			
Symicek, Ashley	2	River Ramblers	Blue/ Champion
Schladweiler, Sage	4	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Red
Walker, Blake	2	Falcon Falls	white
Cole, Lydia	7	Country Partners	Blue
<b>Story Writing</b>			
Schladweiler, Sage	2	Rock Elm Skyrockets	Blue
Boyle, Jocelyn	4	Busy Fingers	Blue
<b>Photo Story</b>			
Mullen, Lewis	5	River Ramblers	Blue/ Champion
<b>Comic Panel</b>			
Pechacek, Josie	4	Country Partners	White
<b>Informational Music Poster</b>			
Chrest, Logan		Falcon Falls	Blue
<b>CD Cover</b>			
Schmidt, Jessica		Helping Hands	Blue/ Champion
Chrest, Mason		Falcon Falls	Red

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## New Foodstand Wall and Patio

Great news! The new 4-H Foodstand Wall and Patio is poured and looks great. Railings will be going on in the Spring and we think it will be the best gathering spot on the Fairgrounds!

The project was just over \$18000 and we received a very generous anonymous 4-H alum donation in honor of Frank Ginther's work as 4-H Agent in the amount of \$1000 AND a generous donation from Wieser Concrete for cement and cement transport AND a generous donation from Kiefer Construction (Andrew Kiefer, 4-H Volunteer from Spring Valley) who installed the new rain gutters at no charge. Thank you one and all!! We're not there yet though and the Wall subcommittee is working on some other fundraising ideas as well. This is a direct appeal for you to help support this great new addition and help pay off the remaining \$17000 debt. Please complete the form below if you or your Club is willing to help RAISE THE 4-H WALL and POUR THE 4-H PATIO!

Raise the Wall and Pour the Patio 4-H Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount, made out to: PIERCE COUNTY 4-H ADULT ADVISORS

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5    \_\_\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return donation and form to: Pierce County 4-H Wall Project, UW-Extension Office, 412 West Kinne Street, Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011.

### Foodstand Committee Update

We're excited to announce the new 4-H Foodstand Management Team: Onsite managers and Procurement - Adele and Barry White; Bookkeeping - Mary Wieser; Maintenance - Jim Ashbach and Kanon Kulpa. Many thanks to the excellent years of management from Dennis and Cindy Baird!

More Foodstand Committee members are needed, best gig in 4-H (who do you think tries all of the new potential menu products??). Please contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-273-6781 or Adele and Barry directly at [whitea63@yahoo.com](mailto:whitea63@yahoo.com) if you want to become a Committee member. It's open to both youth and adults and the next meeting is here at the PCOB in Ellsworth on Sunday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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