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# 4-H Informant

**PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER**

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Dear 4-H Family and Friends,

My name is Lacey Swetlik, and I am excited to say I have been selected to work as the 4-H intern for the school year. I am a junior at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls pursuing a major in agriculture education with a minor in agriculture business. My involvement in 4-H growing up has greatly influenced the career field I am pursuing.

I was a member of Manitowoc County 4-H project for 13 years, and now serve as an active volunteer. Some of the projects I was involved in include dog, horse, small animal (poultry & rabbit), photography, woodworking, public speaking, and demonstrations. I am currently serving as a Northeast District Representative for the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association, and was a past youth president and officer at large of the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association as well. The highlight of my past summer was working on the summer camp staff for Camp Tapawingo.

My goal for each 4-H member this new 4-H year is to try one new thing. As a 4-H member the more I got involved the more people I got to know, the more opportunities that came my way, and the more confident I became as a person and my leadership abilities. Some of my greatest 4-H memories came from going on the American Spirit trip and Citizenship Washington Focus; I met people from all around the state that I still talk to today. 4-H offers so many wonderful activities to be involved with, and I hope that through my internship I have the opportunity to meet many of you, and help you expand your 4-H experience.

Sincerely,

Lacey Swetlik,  
4-H Program

Frank Ginther,  
4-H Youth Development Agent

Eileen VanDyk  
4-H Program Advisor

## Pierce County UW-Extension Staff

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Lacey Swetlik – 4-H Program Assistant  
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## 4-H Family Calendar

### November

- 1 4-H Enrollments Due into 4-H ONLINE
- 1 Robotics NXT's 102, Seyforth Must register!
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- 4-6 Statewide Fall 4-H Leaders Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration, Green Lake, WI
- 10 Robotics NXT's 102, Seyforth Must register!
- 12 Discovery Day
- 11-13 4-H Horse Leaders Conf., UWRF
- 13 Sheep and Goat Sale, Mann Valley
- 17 Robotics NXT's 102, Seyforth Must register!
- 17 4-H Trip Applications due
- 18-20 Dog Leaders & Judges Workshop
- 22 Volleyball team registration due
- 24-25 **UWEX Office Closed Thanksgiving**
- 28 Horse Committee Meeting 7:00
- 28 Leadership Day Signup Deadline

### December

- 3 Leadership Day
- 4 Volleyball Tournament
- 10 Beef Weigh-In UWRF Mann Valley Farm
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 23 UWEX Closed Christmas Eve
- 26 UWEX Closed Christmas

### January

- 2 UWEX Closed Happy New Year
- 6-7 WI 4-H Horse Assn. Meeting Rothschild
- 21 Creative Arts & Communications Festival
- 28 Rabbit/Poultry Workshops

### February

- 4 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 9 MAQA Train the Trainer 7p.m.
- 18 Performance Arts Festival
- 18 4-H Meats Judging Contest

### March

- 4 Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest
- 15 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due

## Tid-bits from the Fair Office



### Future Fair Dates

2017 - August 10-13  
2018 - August 9-12

### 2017-2018 Fairbook

We are starting to work on the new 2017-2018 Fairbook. If you have any suggestions, please tell your club leader or email Ann Webb at the Fair Office: [awebb@co.pierce.wi.us](mailto:awebb@co.pierce.wi.us). All suggestions will be considered but only suggestions that benefit the development of the 4-H Youth and the Fair will be implemented.

## Pierce Co. 4-H Facebook

Please go and Like our Pierce Co. 4-H Facebook page. This page is currently being kept up to date and has the county's upcoming events, event photos, and much more.

This can be your go-to source for getting information and connecting with other 4-H members/leaders on events.

## Leader's Corner

All **NEW** volunteers will have to complete a "Mandated Reporter" training, done online, and come in for the "VIP Meeting" with our 4H Agent, Frank. Current volunteers who were up to date as of last year do NOT have to do this.

**Step One:** Enroll in 4hOnline.com, from your individual profile page, 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 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 the following dates:

- Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Pierce County Office Building-Ellsworth
- Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Pierce County Office Building-Ellsworth
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., River Falls Public Library
- Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Pierce County Office Building - Ellsworth

## 4-H Awards Program

The 4-H Award Program was a success, congratulations to all who received awards, and a big thank you to all that helped put the program on.

## Older Youth

### 4-H Award Trip Opportunities Await You!

Want the opportunity to travel around the country, meet other youth from around the state and country, and experience some unforgettable moments. The 4-H award trip opportunity awaits you!

Each year, the Pierce County 4-H Adult Advisors Council sponsors a variety of award trips available only to our 7<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> graders. These trips are funded by the 4-H Leaders' Council from 4-H Foodstand and Platbook sales revenue. To be considered for any one of the trip and award possibilities, you must complete the trip preference form, cover letter, and recommendation form from the Pierce County 4-H Award Trip packet.

Packets have been emailed out, and are available on the website and are used for those interested in applying for the FIVE, State 4-H & Youth Conference, American Spirit, Western Spirit, Out-of-State Service-Learning, Citizenship Washington Focus, National Congress, and nominations for any other national trips. You can also locate the packets at the following link <http://pierce.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms/> under the trip forms and information tab. A completed 4-H record book is also required and can be brought along to your trip interview. The applications are accepted at the UW-Extension Office **until November 17**. Interviews for the trip and award selection will be held **late-November**. Check with your 4-H Club leader or contact the UW-Extension Office for your very own Award Trip Packet.

### **TALK WITH A 2016 4-H AWARD TRIP WINNER!**

#### **Service Learning in Oregon**

Grace Anderson  
Alex Daniels  
Elisabeth Carston  
Tianna Cebulla

#### **CWF**

Aaron Daniels  
Grace Larson  
Jillian Boles  
Alicia Hoffman

#### **American Spirit**

Catherine Stewart  
Ben Anderson

#### **Space Camp**

Sophia Tibayan  
Claire Stewart  
Gabby Gujer  
Eryka Knutson  
Mallory Boles  
Joseph Schmalstig  
Raye Schmalstig  
Cecily Schmidt  
Kevin Schmidt  
Erin Boatman Smaida

#### **FIVE in Iowa**

Riley Schumaker  
Maddie Tibayan

#### **State 4-H Youth Conference**

Jacob Boatman

## **Creative Arts Festival**

Mark your calendars for the Creative Arts Festival on **January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. Registration and deadline information will be coming out soon. This festival includes exhibit entries in the areas of communications (performance and non-performance), non-performance music and craft exhibits.

## **Performance Arts Festival**

Performance Arts Festival is scheduled for **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. More information on the Performance Arts Festival will be available in the coming months.

## Winter Cloverbud/Explorer Day Camp

Join us for a the "Frosty Fun" winter Cloverbud day camp scheduled for Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9 to noon at the Seyforth Building on the Fairgrounds. 4-H members may bring a non 4-H friend to enjoy the day! Stay tuned for more information coming in the next month.

## Horse Project

Our next upcoming meeting is scheduled for Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Pierce County office building.

## Rabbit/Poultry Workshops

The first Rabbit/Poultry workshops will be held Saturday, January 28 starting at 9:00-10:00 AM and 10:30-11:30 AM. The two species workshops will be held at each time slot so if you are enrolled in both species, you will be able to attend 2 workshops in one day. Location - TBD

## Livestock

### Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the EOC Room of the Courthouse Annex.

### Beef Weigh-in for 2016 County Fair Market Animals

Weigh in for Pierce County Fair Beef and Dairy animals will be Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 11:00 am; at the UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farm 2.(129 South Glover Road River Falls, WI 54022) Animals will be weighed at the Pavilion/Auction building. **NOT** by the Bull test area. Please as a reminder; all market animals must be dehorned, bulls must be castrated, and they must be halter broke and under control at the weigh in site. Any questions, please contact Kurt and Nettie Nelson at 715-594-3805.

A market animal must be weighed and ear tagged, and a hair sample retained at the Pierce County weigh-in site, in order to be shown at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal classes.

Specific rules for Steers:

- A. Weigh-in and tagging is on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at UWRF Mann Valley Farm, Lab Farm 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. if questions please call Nettie and Kurt Nelson at 715- 594-3805. Livestock Committee will not conduct primary handling of any steer to be weighed. The Committee will continue responsibility for tagging and recording information on these animals after the steer is in the chute. Steers at the December weigh-in must be haltered and families bringing in their animals are responsible for primary handling of those animals.
- B. A market animal must be weighed and ear tagged, and a hair sample retained, at the Pierce County weigh-in site order to be shown at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.
- C. A market steer must be dehorned and castrated before this initial weigh-in to be eligible for the project. No exceptions will be made. Steers must be banded or knife cut. This will be enforced. Horned animals or bulls will not be weighed.
- D. Each market animal must be born on January 1st, 2017 or after to be eligible for the project.

Other important general rules pertaining to participation in the Pierce County Meat Animal Project:

1. To show at the 2017 Pierce County Fair,  
4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine, or goat project by November 1, 2016. They must have completed a record book for the previous year (except 1<sup>st</sup> year) with financial form for Auction animals.
2. A maximum of 4 animals of each species per exhibitor may be weighed-in at the initial weigh-in. A maximum of 2 animals of each species per exhibitor may compete in the junior fair.  
\* Immediate families with more than one sibling in the household may list all animals under the family name. At Fair entry day, each exhibitor MUST identify which animal each sibling will show and/or auction.
3. Livestock Committee will weigh-in and double identify each animal
4. LOSS OF EAR TAG: If an ear tag is lost, inform UW Extension Office immediately and Livestock Committee members will replace ASAP. If animal loses both forms of ID then the animal is ELIMINATED from participation at the Pierce County Fair.

## STEM Committee

Do you have an interest in STEM? Join the STEM committee where you will have the opportunity to work to support STEM projects and activities. On this committee you will have the chance to work with beginning We Do Robots, promote creative thinking in youth, coordinate robotic building sessions, guide and coach youth at a variety of skill levels, and troubleshoot robotic issues. Join the committee to have a fun experience while challenging youth as they create and develop Lego NXT robots, and work on other STEM related activities.

Call the Pierce County Extension Office at 715-273-6781 to join the Committee.

## Dog Project

I would like to draw your attention to the 4-H Dog Website that has many Dog related topics. Here is the link to the website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/dog/>

Also a group of 4-H volunteers have put together a workshop for Dog Leader and Judges on November 18-20 in Oshkosh. The Saturday session will be a review of the class descriptions and score sheets and the afternoon there will be sessions on Advanced Training Techniques. The cost for the training is \$15.00 or \$25.00 if you bring a dog. Here is the link to the registration information for the workshop:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/state-4-h-dog-project-leaders-workshop/>

On Sunday morning there will be a meeting for Wisconsin Dog Project Leaders. An agenda will be coming out in the future. If you have items that you would like added to the agenda, please send them to [pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu) . If you would only like to attend the Sunday session, there will be a brief summary of the information regarding class descriptions and score sheets and you will not have to pay the registration fee.

## Volleyball Tournament

### 4-H Volleyball Tournament - December 4<sup>th</sup>

It's that time of year again!! We will be holding the annual 4-H Volleyball Tournament on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the **River Falls High School!** Yes, I said the River Falls High School. Registration and fees are due by November 22<sup>nd</sup> from your club leader.

## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

The 4-H Meats judging contest will take place on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the University of Wisconsin Madison Meat Lab with Registration at 12:30 followed by a 1:00 start time. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification quiz. There is a Senior and Junior division at the state level. For more information regarding the 2017 meats judging contest please follow the link <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>.

For those interested in participating in this contest please contact the Pierce County Extension Office at 715-273-6781.

## Leadership Day

Leadership Day is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pierce County Courthouse Annex (EOC Room, entrance across from Holiday Gas Station) from 9 in the morning and concluding around 3. This is an opportunity for all club officers and adult leaders to learn more about how to be an effective leader, and for all club officers to learn more about their positions from UWRF students. This year's topic will be focused around communication. This event is free, but please fill out the attached form and mail it in by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

See the form at the end of the newsletter for more info and to sign up.

## 4-H Ambassadors

Congratulations, to all of the ambassadors for the upcoming year:

Hannah Brubaker	Ava Larsen	Sophia Tibayan
Thomas Cariveau	Grace Larson	Hannah White
Logan Chrest	Brandon Peterson	Mackenzie Wieser
Mason Chrest	Cecily Schmidt	Charlotte Wiltermuth
Lydia Cole	Marissa Schumaker	
Maria Cole	Riley Schumaker	
Aaron Daniels	Catherine Stewart	
Meggan Daniels	Claire Stewart	
Thaddeus Kosnopfal	Kelsey Swancutt	

## WI 4-H 2017 Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **March 15, 2017**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year.

For more information regarding the scholarship follow the attached link.

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

READ BELOW FOR IMPORTANT INFO ON RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER!!



This 4-H Newsletter is printed approximately every other month and will be emailed to all 4-H members. If you would like to receive a hard copy mailed to you regular US Mail, you will need to let us know. Please call the UW Extension Office at 715-273-6781 and let us know you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter and we will add you to the list. If you are already getting it by paper copy you will continue to, so no reason to call us unless you call to say you don't want it mailed any longer.

We will send out the 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter of the year (this year will be the December copy) and the fair edition of the newsletter to ALL 4-H members via regular mail and email.



# **Lead-er-ship** noun

## Definition of LEADERSHIP

- 1 : the office or position of a leader
- 2 : capacity to lead
- 3 : the act of an instance of leading
- 4 : LEADERS <the party *leadership*>

# IT'S A LEADERSHIP RETREAT!!

Ever wanted to improve your leadership skills? A retreat will be held to enhance these skills as well as teach you many other necessary skills to reach leadership excellence. Leaders will be able to learn activities to take back to their club as well as have discussion with other leaders.

*Icebreaker Ideas*

**Keynote Speaker on Youth Leadership**

*Officer Training*

**New Ideas to Bring Back to your Club!**

*Annual Adult Leader Training*

**When:** December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the EOC Room, Courthouse Annex

**Cost:** NOTHING!! We will also be providing lunch for all participants

Deadline to sign up is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Fill out the registration form and return it to the PCOB.

Have questions? Contact Frank Ginther at the Extension Office 715-273-6781 or email at [francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:francis.ginther@ces.uwex.edu)

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## Pierce County 4-H Leadership Retreat Registration Form Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> EOC Room Courthouse Annex

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Member                      \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Leader

\_\_\_\_\_ Officer (Which office? \_\_\_\_\_)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Due November 28<sup>th</sup> to the UW-Extension Office, PO Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011-0069