



4-H Informant

PIERCE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Dear Family and Friends of Pierce County 4-H

Hello everyone and I hope you are enjoying the change in seasons. A special word of WELCOME to our newest 4-H families. This is your first 4-H Informant and it has a great deal of program information for you to consider. Please feel free to call us at the Extension Office if you have questions about what you have read.

Amelia Earhart once said, "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity. The fears are paper tigers. You can act to change and control your life, and the procedure, the process is its own reward." As the new 4-H year gets underway, I encourage everyone to become more involved. Dare to be adventurous and try something new. Take on an officer position or another leadership role and truly work on making your best better. Within 4-H we strive and focus our energy on engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing in the field of youth development. It is up to you, the future leaders, to take advantage of the hands-on learning and embrace the power of discovery.

Not sure how to become more involved??

1. **Participate in Cloverbud/ Explorer Day Camps**
2. **Present a Club Demonstration**
3. **Get active in your project area**
4. **Attend 4-H Camp either as a Camper or a Counselor**
5. **Volunteer for Committee Activities within your 4-H Club**
6. **Join a Judging or Quiz Bowl Team**
7. **Participate in Youth Leadership Activities**
8. **Attend a 4-H trip or out of county experience**
9. **Join in on Community Service activities with your Club**
10. **Learn about 4-H International Program Opportunities**

We have some exciting programs planned for the upcoming months and I encourage you to take full advantage of everything 4-H has to offer.

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Pierce County 4-H Youth
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4-H Family Calendar

November

- 17 Livestock Rules Meeting- Seyforth, 3pm
- 17 YQCA meeting 4:30 pm Seyforth Building
- 27 4-H Leadership Day registration Due
- 28-29 Extension Pierce County Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 1 Poultry and Small Animal Committee, PCOB, 7 pm
- 2 Sign-up for VIP due by Noon
- 3 Horse Bowl Practice, 6pm lower level PCOB
- 3 VIP training- Courthouse Annex, 5:45 pm
Horse Committee Meeting & District Conference 7pm Annex Conf. Room
- 6 Holiday Mall of America trip registration due
- 7 Beef Weigh-in UWRF Mann Valley Farm 9-11 am
- 7 Leadership Day and Officer Training 9am-3pm – Seyforth Bldg. Fairgrounds
- 8 Volleyball Tournament at RFHS
- 10 Horse Bowl Practice 6-7 pm PCOB
- 14 Holiday Mall of America Trip
- 17 Horse Bowl Practice 6-7 pm PCOB
- 24-25 Extension Office is Closed for Holidays
- 27 Last Day to Pick up Fair Checks at Treasurers Office Courthouse
- 31 and Jan. 1 – Extension Closed. Happy New Year

January

- 6 Creative Arts Festival Registration Due
- 7 Livestock Rules Meeting, Seyforth Bldg, 7 pm
- 10 Out of State Service Learning applications DUE
- 25 Creative Arts & Communications Festival 9am, Spring Valley High School
- 29 Livestock Rules Meeting, Seyforth, 7 pm

Tid-bits from the Fair Office

*2019 PIERCE COUNTY FAIR premium check Pickup

If you have not picked up your premium check please do so now! Checks should be picked up at the Pierce Co. Treasurer's Office in the Courthouse in Ellsworth. You can pick up your check between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm until December 27, 2019.

Future Fair Dates

2020 – August 13-16

Any Questions for Fair Office

The Fair Office is on very limited hours now. So, if you have questions, call Ann at 715-273-6874 or e-mail her at awebb@co.pierce.wi.us and she will get back to you as soon as she is available.

Like the Pierce County Fair on Facebook

[Pierce County Fair and Fairgrounds WI](#) on Facebook

Leader's Corner

Congratulations to these 4-H leaders for their years of service, and dedication over the years.

H.G. Seyforth Outstanding Leader Achievement Award Recipients

Cheryl Kaufer – Fancy Doers
Jean VanderMarliere – 4-H Horse Committee
Lisa Paquet – 4-H Llama Committee

5 years

Thomas Augustine – The Soaring Eagles
Joe Barbey – Falcon Falls
Kurt Funk – Denim and Dust
Hilary Gilles – River Rambler
Jesse Gilles – River Rambler
Mary Ginsbach – Elm Valley Patriots
Jennifer Hince – Martell Rushers
James Knutson – Martell Rushers
Kristina Novek – Maiden Rock Rockets
Jeremy Peterson – County Partners
Annette Schladweiler – Elm Valley Patriots
Matt Shafer – Valley Eagles
Wendy Smith – County Partners

10 Years

Dulcie Anderson – County Partners
Laura Funk – Denim and Dust
Melanie Mader – River Ramblers
David Meyer – Town and County
Lana Meyer – Town and County
Amanda Ressler – Falcon Falls

15 years

Kevin Larson – Valley Eagles
Todd Mark – Merri-Heirs
Sally Pabst – Martell Rushers

20 Years

Melissa Hauge – Olivet Otters
Tim Jennings – Town and Country
Gina Klecker – Royal Rushers
Nancy Lindall – Mann Valley

25 Years

Shari Turvaville – Busy Fingers

30 Years

Linda Steele – County Partners
Bob Traynor – Olivet Otters

Annual 4-H Adult Leader Training

As usual, at least one leader, and/or committee member is required to attend an Annual 4-H Leader session in order for your group to complete the Charter process. Youth volunteers can also attend the programs.

This year's session is on Stress Management and updates on Wisconsin 4-H curriculum.

Session training date is Dec. 7th at 4-H Leadership Day for Adult Leaders beginning at 10:20 am at the Fairgrounds in the Seyforth Building

Volunteer VIP, MRT Trainings and State Background Checks

All NEW Wisconsin 4-H volunteers will have to complete these 4 steps to become an active 4-H Adult Leader before you can start working with kids. If you are enrolled as a leader but still PENDING, you need to check with us to see what you are missing from the 4 steps. You won't become confirmed as a leader until all 4 steps are done.

First thing you MUST do is Enroll in 4-H.

Enroll as an adult volunteer in 4hOnline.com Use your family account, add adult, do not make your own new account. You should be on the same account with your kids.

Background Check – once you enroll that will trigger an email to you from the State asking you to reply to the email to request the background check. Do this right away. You only have a short window of about 3-5 days to complete the background check. If you ignore the email it will

not be available to you after the window of 3-5 days closes. **So do it right away!**

VIP – You must attend a VIP Meeting (face to face) with Frank Ginther, Pierce County 4-H Agent. The next one is Tuesday Dec. 3rd at the Courthouse Annex Conf. Room at 5:45 p.m. Please be sure to call and sign up.

MRT (Mandated Reporter Training) You will also need to complete the MRT. This is in your 4-H online account on your Adult Personal Information page. On the top left click on Trainings. It will take you to a new screen, click on "Sign Up for a Training" and then click on the Mandated Reporter Training (the other training on that page is optional but the MRT is a must) click the sign-up button for the Mandated Reporter online training and get started. Once you are done it will say complete on our side.

The next VIP training is:

Tuesday, December 3rd – 5:45 p.m. – Annex Conference Room, Courthouse.

Register by Mon. Dec. 2nd.

They are about an hour long, and you must sign up so we know there are sufficient attendees to hold the class. Contact the Extension Office at 715-273-6781 or email: Office Support Staff sandy.radkey@wisc.edu or 4-H Youth Development Agent Frank Ginther at francis.ginther@wisc.edu with questions or to arrange an individual VIP training meeting.

Watch your email and Informants for more VIP trainings coming up this winter. Just remember before we can confirm you the VIP, MRT and Background check must be done!

ALL 4-H ACTIVE LEADERS – Your background check is good for 4 years. Some of you may see coming up now where your background check is up again. If this is your 4th year since you enrolled with this system you will be required to do another background check when you enroll in 4-H for the 4th year. So leaders that have been in the system will all need to go through ONLY the background part every 4 years. You do not have to do MRT or VIP again. So if you enroll and you get the email from the state to reply to for a background check like you did 4 years ago, **you MUST do it again!**

Call with questions. Otherwise if you get a message from the State that you are due for a background check please respond to that email within the short 3-5 day window it is available or after 4 years you may not be a confirmed leader until that is done!!

Why 4-H?

4-H is a community of seven million young people around the world learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Research has shown that 4-H'ers excel beyond their peers. Some of the statistics founded are outstanding. Two examples are: 4-H'ers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities and 4-H'ers are nearly 2 times more likely to make healthier choices. Youth should join 4-H to help make their futures stronger and achieve success in multiple areas of life. Encourage a friend to join with you today!!!

WLC Elections

Congratulations to Kathy Brubaker from Helpful Workers. Kathy was elected to the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council at the 2019 Fall Forum. Thank you for representing Pierce County on this unique group!

2018-2019 4-H Awards

Bank Awards

Aaron Daniels – Town and Country
Hannah Brubaker – Helpful Workers
Cassie Meyer – Town and Country
Tyler Hines – Helpful Workers
Paige Hayes – Denim and Dust
Mackenzie Wieser – Merri-Heirs

Secretary Award

Meggan Daniels- Town and County
Honorable Mention:
Abigail Michels – The Soaring Eagles

Key Award

Tyler Hines-Helpful Workers
Hannah Brubaker-Helpful Workers
Austin Pabst-Martell Rushers

Farm Bureau Award

Ben Dusek – Town and Country
Tessa Mason – Merri-Heirs

Art and Communications

Samantha Miller – Falcon Falls
Honorable Mention:
Mackenzie Wieser – Merri-Heirs

Family Home and Health

Claire Stewart – Helping Hands
Honorable Mention:
Ruth Whall – Mann Valley

Window Display Contest for National 4-H Week

2019 4-H Window/Yard Display Results

1st – Busy Fingers
2nd – Martell Rushers
3rd – Town and County
4th – Heartland Hustlers
5th – Rock Elm Skyrockets

Creative Arts Festival

The Creative Arts Festival is in the planning stages and will again be held at Spring Valley High School. The date will be Saturday, January 25th. Be sure to get registered and enter your art projects or plan to brush up on your communication skills by doing a Speaking, or Interpretive Reading, maybe with a friend or sibling in a Dynamic Duo or Terrific Trio. Younger members be sure to sign up to recite the 4-H Pledge or Pledge of Allegiance in front of a judge for a ribbon! Entry forms will be out to each family soon. Watch for them and get signed up! Or there are many fun topics you can do a demonstration on and your demonstration counts as a fair entry!

You do not need to be enrolled in these projects to participate in them at this Creative Arts Festival! Watch for rules and entry information coming soon and see you there!

Special advanced note: The Performing Arts Festival date is Saturday, February 29th at Meyer Middle School in River Falls

AmazonSmile Fundraiser

We have set up an on-line fundraising option to support Pierce County 4-H throughout the year. **AmazonSmile** is a website operated by **Amazon** with the same products, prices, and shopping features as **Amazon.com**. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation

will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice, and that is us! Just a note, it may state that the funding is going to support "Board of Regents of the UW-System". This is because AmazonSmile uses our federal EIN number to match up charitable organizations with fundraising. If you or someone you know shops through Amazon, please have them consider clicking on our AmazonSmile link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0212602> then log into Amazon as usual and start raising money for 4-H!

Thanks for helping to support positive youth development for all Pierce County 4-H families!!

Older Members

Mall of America Trip

Join us for a Holiday Shopping Trip to the Mall of America on December 14th. Bus will leave at 9:30 am and be back at 6:30 pm with locations in River Falls and Prescott. Bring a friend (non-4-H friends are welcome!) Fee is \$7 for transportation. Registration is Due December 6th. Minimum amount of participation required for this one to go. See your email (sent to older members) or call the Extension Office for more information 715-273-6781 (optional purchase of wristband for rides if interested).

Horse Project

Horse Committee and Bowl Announcement

The next 4-H Horse Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 pm in the Annex Conference Room of the Courthouse Annex in Ellsworth. Please plan to attend!

HORSE BOWL PRACTICES

Calling all horse trivia enthusiasts! If you love horses, and learning all about them, we have the activity for you! Horse Bowl! We will be beginning practices for Horse Bowl on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00pm in the lower level of the Pierce County Office Building (PCOB), which is behind the Courthouse. Practices will continue every Tuesday from 6-7pm until early May, except Dec 24 and Dec 31. During practice we will practice horse trivia, listen to presentations, and prepare for the State Horse Bowl

Competition in May. We have a lot of fun and hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Monica DuMond at 832-228-3089, or Jenny Karras at 715-425-1494.

Livestock

The Beef Weigh In is Saturday Dec. 7th at the Mann Valley Farm at UWRF from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

1. The 2019-2020 Livestock General Rules

Starting this year ALL participants in any beef, goat, sheep or swine projects will be required to attend a rules meeting, a workshop, the YQCA & turn in a workshop verification form. This includes exhibitors that only show breeding stock animals, not just meat animal exhibitors.

Rules Meetings: At this time, we will be offering FOUR dates. You only need to attend ONE of the four dates.... every rules meeting will be the same. This is a great opportunity to ask questions & learn about what kinds of things you can expect from now until the fair.

Workshops: We will offer plenty of different workshops throughout the year for you come too. However, if you have the opportunity to attend a workshop outside of Pierce County that you would like to get 'workshop credit' for that may be ok too. We just ask that you let us know by email before you go. It may not be counted otherwise.

YQCA (Youth for quality care of animals): As always, this can be completed in one of two ways. It can be either be taken in a classroom setting or done online. The first classroom training being offered will be following the first rules meeting on Nov 17th. Please go to yqca.org to get registered for the classroom training or take the training online at any time.

2. Important Dates:

- **December 7th:** Beef Weigh In 9-11am at the UWRF-Mann Valley Lab Farm

**** ALL market beef MUST be weighed in on this day to be shown at the fair! Please email us if you have any questions. ****

- **January 7th:** Rules Meeting starting at 7pm at the Seyforth Building

- **January 29th:** Rules Meeting starting at 7pm at the Seyforth Building
- **February 17th:** Rules Meeting starting at 7pm at the Seyforth Building

3. Communications:

How do you find out about the workshops? We do our best to list them in the informant & email reminders but they will always be listed on our Facebook page as well. This year we have stepped up our game in hopes of being able to accommodate those that do not use Facebook as well!

Remind app: We are now set up on the Remind app so we can send blast announcements/reminders out to anyone that wishes to receive them on their phone (either by text or on the app) OR email. You do not need to have the app on your phone to receive the messages. If you are interested & would like to receive reminders this way please go to: <http://rmd.me/b?rid=133058243> to sign up. Feel free to email us with any questions you may have. Email questions to: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com

Website: We have a new Pierce County Livestock website! This is a great resource as you will be able to find everything in one spot! All the forms, the rules, important links and more can be found on the site. Check it out! The website is up and running and the address is: piercecountylivestock.weebly.com

Poultry and Small Animal

Committee Meeting Planned

The Poultry and Small Animal Committee invites all members to join the committee meeting scheduled for:

Sunday – Dec. 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Pierce County Office Building (on Kinne St. behind Courthouse)

We would love to have anyone interested in being on the committee or anyone with ideas on how to improve the project join us at this meeting!

Like and share our facebook page for updates and events –

Pierce County WI Poultry and Small Animal Project



Volleyball Tournament

4-H Volleyball Tournament SUNDAY DEC. 8th

Information and team registration forms were mailed to club leaders.

And were due in NO LATER than Tuesday Nov. 26th, 2019 in order to play



Games will **start at 12 noon sharp** at the River Falls High School.

4-H Newsletter/Informant



The 4-H Newsletter will be sent again this year as an email only UNLESS you let us know you would like to receive the newsletter via regular mail, hardcopy. **We will send the November (first of year) and the July (Fair Edition) out to ALL 4-H members so you will get a hard copy of those.** Otherwise you will receive the 4-H newsletter via email to the email address in your 4-H Online account unless you request other. Call the office to get on the mailing list for hardcopy to be sent regular USPS mailed. You can also find the most current copy of the newsletter on our website –

<https://pierce.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-informant-newsletter/>

Learning Opportunities

4 Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development Online Learning Modules

Would you like to learn more and how they relate to your role as a leader working with youth? Check out how you as an adult volunteer or youth leader can foster the development of these elements in the youth. You will have an opportunity to

- Learn about each element in relation to different age youth from kindergarten to high school.
- Consider how what you can develop life skills in youth
- Build on what you know to foster the growth of these elements in young people

Each module is about 7- 10 minutes in length. You move through the module at your own pace. It will take you about 30 - 45 minutes to complete all four modules. Instructions for locating the training on your 4-H Online account are here:

<https://4h.uwex.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf>

Wisconsin Cloverbud Lessons Available

New activity plans designed specifically for Cloverbuds – youth in grades Kindergarten to 2nd grade – have been released on the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development web page. Involve 4-H and community youth in activities that are hands-on, fun, and sometimes a little messy.

These nine lessons have been developed with Cloverbuds in mind, letting them explore science, theater, service, their senses and their own identities throughout the seasons. Each lesson is clearly laid out to get youth thinking, involve them in a hands-on activity and help them deepen their understanding through processing questions. Each lesson also comes with a family letter – available in both English and Spanish – which helps parents and caregivers continue the learning at home.

To download the activities and letters, visit <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activty-plans/> and click the “Unlock Activities” button. After a short survey, you will gain access to the lessons, family letters in two languages, and Cloverbud Leader Resources.

Officer Leadership Training

Save the date for Leadership Day, Saturday, December 7, 2019.

This will feature 4-H club officer training, the annual 4-H leader training session, and many other great leadership activities. Plan for a fun morning into early afternoon.

Leadership Day will be held in the Seyforth Building at the Pierce County Fairgrounds, on December 7th from 9am to 3 pm. There is no cost, and lunch will be provided for all participants. The deadline to sign up is November 27th, please turn in the registration form to the Extension Office. Another copy of the registration form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Robotics

The last of the Fall Robotic Classes are scheduled for Dec. 16 and 17

➤ EV3 Basics

Welcome to our latest Mindstorms series, EV3, The next EVolution. (3rd generation). This is a basics class for all. This will be a 2 part Class. Day 1 : building and EV3 programing basics, Day 2 : Programing and teardown.

Date – Dec. 16 and 17

Fee: \$5

Time 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send in fee & name/grade to Extension Office, PO Box 69, Ellsworth WI 54011.

Troy will also be hosting a Robotic Fun Build Morning again over the Holiday Break on Fri. Dec. 27th morning from 8:00-12:00 at the Seyforth Building. You will be required to either show up with ideas or your own, or build one of the 2 robots Troy has chosen. Please bring a snack to share if you would like (up to about 12 people that morning).

MUST register - Please let us know if you have a food allergy on your rsvp reply to sandy.radkey@wisc.edu or call [715-273-6781](tel:715-273-6781)
In order to be confirmed for this Build Morning, first 10 will be accepted.

Parents if you are interested in helping with robotics we are always looking for volunteer help. It is a fun way to spend some time with your child and helping other youth that have the same interests. Call the office so we can help you get enrolled as a leader!

Literature for Members

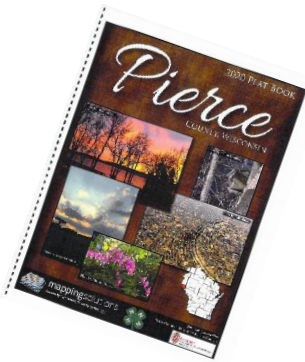
Please e-mail your 2020 4-H Literature requests by your Club families to Beth in our Office in December at: beth.ingli@wisc.edu. She will then be able to have it ready for you to pick up and distribute to your members at your January meetings.



Platbook

2020 Books Have Arrived!

Thanks to the extremely hard work by our 4-H Platbook Committee and our support staff here in the Extension Office this grand fundraiser is in the books and we did great. NOW, we need to market and sell our 500 books! If your Club wants to sell books in your part of the County, you must purchase 10 at \$30 per book, then you can re-sell them for \$35 for \$5 per book profit directly to your Club. We are specifically still looking for sales outlets in Prescott and River Falls however please contact the Extension Office if you want to set up sales anywhere. Remember, Platbooks make great stocking stuffers for the Holidays or for that hard to purchase for person on your list. Let's get these books sold soon, it's all profit for Pierce County 4-H!



State 4-H Arts Teams & 4-H Art Lab Program

Registration for our State Art Teams and State Art Lab will open this Friday, November 15th. Please check out the information on each experience at their individual websites. If it sounds like an experience you are interested in, please register! Many counties provide scholarships for these educational experiences through a scholarship application process. There are also need based scholarships available through the WI 4-H Foundation. The scholarship application can be found at: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/statewide-scholarships-new/>

Drama Company: Drama Company creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to 4-H and Youth Conference. Show content is a collaborative effort between company members and their director. Each Drama Company member contributes ideas for the show and works with the group to problem solve issues on the set and in the script. Drama Company takes their show on to the Wisconsin State Fair where they perform for fair goers from across the state. You must register in 4HOnline. More information on this program: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-drama-company/>

Art Team: 4-H Art Team creates artwork around the theme of the Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference as well as designing and organizing the WI 4-H and Youth Conference Art Exhibit and Reception with guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including the Wisconsin State Fair. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums. You must register in 4HOnline. More information on this program: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-art-team/>

Communications Team: The 4-H Communications Team report on and document the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference through photos and video clips of youth, delegates and groups. Comm Team also prepares and presents a slideshow for the final assembly. The team writes press releases focused on 4-H, including 4-H & Youth Conference and Fall Forum, and submits them along with photos and video clips to local press outlets for publication. Communications Team members learn an abundance of problem solving, writing, photography and leadership skills as members of their team. You must register in 4HOnline. More information on this program: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/4-h-communications-team/>

Art Lab (new!): Wisconsin 4-H Art Lab is an opportunity for youth grades 9-12 to engage in the arts in downtown Madison. Partnering with UW-Madison and off-campus programs, this weekend will provide youth hands-on learning experience from professionals in a pre-selected art concentration. Program experiences will garner critical and creative thinking, self-expression, and further field knowledge, a focus on applications of art in the everyday world such as entrepreneurship, social justice, and community involvement. Concentrations will be coincided with entrepreneurial development activities such as group discussions, Madison arts entrepreneur talk, and space and resources to plan future action. This is an open enrollment program; all Wisconsin youth are invited to participate in this program. Registration will be through Qualtrics; a link will be placed on the website and sent out on Friday, November 15th at 4:00 PM. Spaces are limited. More information on this program: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4harts/art-lab-2/>

Questions about State Teams? Please contact Amber Rehberg at amber.rehberg@wisc.edu or Lynn Pfeiffer at lynn.pfeiffer@wisc.edu.

Questions about Art Lab? Please contact Allison Olson at allison.olson@extension.wisc.edu or Joe Muellenberg at joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu.

New 4-H Award Trip



Out of State Service Learning Opportunity

Buffalo, Pepin & Pierce County 4-H programs invite youth in grades 9-12 to travel with 4-H Youth Development Educators Annie Lisowski, Marie Ritscher and Frank Ginther on a joint FIVE (you will be traveling with 4-H members currently in grades 6-8 who are delegates already selected from Pierce) and Service Learning (**4-H members currently in grades 9-12 – interview option available for possible scholarship support at 40% of cost listed below**) educational travel experience to St. Louis, MO! The travel experiences will be conducted parallel to each other and include some joint events as well as unique opportunities based on age appropriateness.

9-12 grades (Service Learning)

- Cost per 4-H Member: \$1000 plus additional dollars for some meals and personal needs
- Dates: July 19-23, 2020
- Flight from Rochester, MN or Minneapolis, MN to St. Louis, MO
- Expected to meet at the airport; no group travel to airport arranged
- Stay at hotel with pool
- At least 1 Day of Service
- 1-2 In-Person or Zoom Video Conference Meetings Prior to Travel
- Some possible educational experiences as part of this travel:
 - Gateway Arch (<https://www.gatewayarch.com/>)
 - Forest Park including Jewel Box, World's Fair Pavilion, Pagoda Circle, Boathouse and Visitor Center (<https://www.forestparkforever.org/>)

- Fabulous Fox (<https://www.fabulousfox.com/>) or The Muny (<https://muny.org/>)
- Delmar Loop (<https://visittheloop.com/>)
- Gateway180 Homeless Shelter (<https://gateway180.org/>)

If you're interested in this trip experience please submit a cover letter explaining why you would like to be part of a 4-H Out of State Service Learning trip experience and how it will benefit our communities back here in Pierce County by Friday, January 10th to: francis.ginther@wisc.edu or mail your application letter into the Extension Pierce County Office, 432 West Main Street, Box 69, Ellsworth, WI 54011.

Interviews and additional trip requirements (such as a required shift at the 4-H Foodstand this summer and 2 trip talks to Clubs or groups promoting 4-H educational travel experiences) will be further presented to those selected as a part of the delegation. Those already assigned a 4-H Award Trip scholarship may choose to switch to this adventure and need to note that only one 4-H Award Trip per year is eligible for 4-H Adult Advisors Scholarship support. *If switching from a previously awarded Trip it is the responsibility of the delegate to properly cancel your other experience as needed and to adhere to all State 4-H Trip cancellation deadlines to avoid Pierce County 4-H being charged for your travel seat and to acquire any refunds due in a timely manner. If switching is done too late the delegate may be responsible for fees on both Trips. Those wishing to take more than one Award Trip may do so however the 2nd Trip cost is at 100% for the delegate and not eligible for an Adult Advisors Trip support scholarship.*

Questions, please contact Frank either at the e-mail address above or by phone at: 715-273-6781. There are a limited number of delegate spots available. Get application letters in by Jan. 10th!



2019 Older Member's Mall of America Holiday Shopping

Saturday December 14th, 2019

Spend a day getting your holiday shopping done on December 14th at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Time: Leaves River Falls High School @ 9:30 AM, Returns @ 6:30 PM
Leaves Prescott Tractor Supply @ 9:50 AM, Returns @ 6:10 PM

Who: Pierce County 4-H members 7th grade and older, Friends are also welcomed to come!!
Cost: \$7 for Pierce County 4-H Members and \$10 for a friend

Due to the large variety, meals will be purchased from the food court of the mall. This price is not included in the registration fee. Please be sure to bring money for any meals you may want and the shopping you wish to do

Registration Due December 6th

Name _____ Grade _____ 4-H Member? Yes No

Email (PRINT) _____

Parent Phone _____ Participant Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Number _____

Allergies/ Health issues (Food or Other) if none write NONE _____

Bus Pick Up/Drop Off Location (circle one) River Falls Prescott

_____ \$7 Paid-4-H member

_____ \$7 Paid-Non-Member (If paying for more than one participant please fill out a SEPARATE FORM for each. You can use one check to pay for all)

Minimum amount of 15 participants require for this trip



Registration is Due December 6th, 2019
Mail or bring to UW Extension
432 W. Main St. Courthouse Annex PO Box 69
Ellsworth, WI 54011
Checks made payable to Pierce County 4-H



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 Club and Group Recreation

Officer Training
New Ideas to Bring Back to your Club!

Annual Adult Leader Training

When: December 7th from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Seyforth Building, Pierce Co. Fairgrounds
Cost: NOTHING!! We will also be providing lunch for all participants

Deadline to sign up is **November 27th**.
Fill out the registration form and return to the UWEX office in the lower level of the Courthouse.

Have questions? Contact the Extension Office 715-273-6781 or email at francis.ginther@wisc.edu or sandy.radkey@wisc.edu

Pierce County 4-H Leadership Retreat Registration Form
Saturday, December 7th at the Seyforth Building

Name: _____ Grade _____ 4-H Member? Yes No

Email (PRINT): _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

_____ Youth Member _____ Adult Leader

_____ Officer (Which office? _____)

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

Allergies / Dietary Restrictions **If none write none** _____

Club: _____

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Pierce County Extension Office will be CLOSED the following Days:

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday Nov. 28th

Thanksgiving Friday Nov. 29th

Christmas Eve Day Tuesday Dec. 24th

Christmas Day Wednesday Dec. 25th

New Years Eve Day Dec. 31st

New Years Day Jan. 1st



Hope you all have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

**Wisconsin 4-H Foundation
2020 Scholarship Applications are being accepted:
DECEMBER 1, 2019-MARCH 16, 2020 (5 PM)**

Over \$15,000 will be awarded to support higher learning for accomplished 4-H youth.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 16, 2020, 5:00 pm.

For more information on the scholarship and what to include in your application and where to email them to go to:

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

4-H Focuses on.....

Life Skills

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Relating to Others
- Planning and Organizing
- Learning to Learn
- Communicating With Others
- Leading Self and Others
- Relating to Change
- Applying Science and Technology
- Developing Self
- Mental and Physical Health

