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Updated Program Guidance for COVID-19 Procedures

We are excited to see spring approaching and COVID numbers dropping! We have program guidance and resources. **Thank you** for all you are doing to make great programs continue to happen throughout our county!

What hasn't changed:

- All in person meetings, activities, or programs must submit a program approval form prior to meeting in person. Forms need to be submitted to Jill at least 2 weeks (or sooner) prior to the event so that it can be reviewed and approved through the state office. Contact Jill for an updated form or help completing it.
- Continued Use of Face Coverings
- No Eating Indoors
- Physical Distancing (6 ft between members outside household; 20 feet between pods)
- Hand sanitizing/disinfecting requirements
- When there is more restrictive local guidance we must follow that rather than our guidance.

Program Guidance Update:

- Events held April 1 - June 1 have new guidance
- Read and talk with your county 4-H Extension professional if you have any questions.
- Continue to submit Extension Program Guidance and Approval checklist with support of Extension staff

Read the updated the FAQ's with changes effective April 1st. You can find the FAQ's here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

What is changing April 1?

1. Number of people who can be at events or programs is increasing
 - 30% of room capacity with a maximum of 50 people allowed indoors
 - ◊ Checkout room capacity in FAQ's
 - 150 people allowed for outdoor programming
 - ◊ Maintain pods of 20
 - The maximum numbers (30% of capacity/50 total) apply to a given time in the program space, not to the program as a whole.
2. Pod Size increasing to 20
 - Groups of 20 or fewer can meet together.
 - ◊ For example a club or committee with 20 or fewer people
 - If you have 21 or more people you will need to break into groups.
 - ◊ For example 34 people at a workshop could meet in a group of 17 and 17 or any combination that is less than 20 per group.
3. Maximum length of indoor events increasing to 4 hours

The state 4-H office is working on developing guidance for summer programs that will begin on June 1. They plan to share those updates in April.

What's happening in your club or project?

We would love to see pictures and hear about what is happening in your clubs and projects to share with our 4-H community. We have seen some awesome virtual activities, speakers, and projects. Send your pictures and short descriptions to Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu and she would share them in our monthly Extension Connection Newsletter

Check out these fun club and group happenings from around the county:

Champion Sparkplugs meeting learning how to make elephant toothpaste (and the science behind it) from Claire, doing Kahoot trivia with Savannah, and learning about cake decorating from volunteer and cake guru Jenny. Check out the pictures of all the fun!



Exploring 4-H: Learning by Doing

Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, the idea of "learning by doing" has defined the program. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they're doing it. This model is known as the Experiential Learning Failure is OK! One of the biggest challenges (and benefits) of experiential learning is not always being successful immediately. It might be hard to sit back and watch your youth struggle, but it's a valuable lesson. 4-H is supposed to be a place where you can fail in a safe environment. Learning is a process—change from failure is ok! Support your youth and encourage them! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target, but you'll be amazed how your youth progresses after ten, fifty, one hundred more attempts.

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Car Ride Questions

It's pretty common for 4-H members to share what they learned with their peers and the adults leading a project. The learning doesn't end when youth leave the activity and head home! Take time with your 4-H member to reflect on their experience. Ask some questions to see what they learned and to help them think critically about the activity they just did. Reflection is an important part of learning by doing, and you as a caregiver can help support the process. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What was the easiest part of the activity?
- What surprised you?
- What were some problems that came up over and over? How did you handle them?
- What was the most challenging part of the activity? Why? How did you solve it?
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to do this activity?
- How can you use what you learned?

Source: Reflection Questions for Experiential Learning Activities, UW-Madison Division of Extension (2015) by Brianna Stapleton Welch. Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

Virtual Learning Community

The Virtual Learning Community is back with more online events for youth and volunteers statewide! Check out our website for more including our calendar and how to register. A few awesome upcoming programs include: virtual fitness club, wildlife and woods series, and much more.

These events are open now in 4HOnline and more are on their way soon! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Kewaunee County 4-H member, Savannah, on being selected to receive a scholarship and attend the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit held virtually March 5-7. Thank you to Brightmark for sponsoring our youth's attendance at this conference!

Photo credit: Crystal Bailey



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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification

The YQCA program is a youth education certification program on the issues of animal welfare, food safety and character education.

For 2021, this certification will be required of:

- **Kewaunee County Fair Animal Exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits)** – must complete and submit certification number as part of the Kewaunee County Fair entry process.
- **WI State Fair Junior Animal Exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits)** – must complete and submit certification number as part of WSF entry process.

The 2021 Certificate must be completed for the Kewaunee County fair. Prior year's certificates will not be accepted.

All 2021 YQCA Training options MUST be registered and paid for online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Option A – Web-Based Online Training (60-90 minutes) – Available 24/7 which allows exhibitors flexibility to take course at their convenience; Will contain 3 modules, tailored to youth age categories (ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18 & 19-21); Each module will conclude with a 10 question quiz, with opportunities to go back into the modules to find the correct answers or retake the quiz after 1 hour; Must register online at a cost of \$12/person/year for the online training and MUST be paid online.

Option B – Test Out – Youth ages 12(\$36), 15(\$48), and 19(\$36) may choose the test out option. Youth must score 80% or better and you will only be charged if you pass the test. If you don't pass, you will be instructed to take the web-based training. If you pass, you will need to retest when you reach the next age split.

Steps for Getting Your YQCA Certification:

For step-by-step instructions, please visit the website and you can download the directions: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>

Create An Account—Go to: <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

- 4-H Exhibitors—Please sign in using the “4HOnline” option. This will save you re-entering all of your contact info.
- FFA Exhibitors—Please sign in using the “Independent Sign In” option.

Select a Course—it is IMPORTANT to select the correct course for the youth's age, as of Dec. 31, 2020.

Purchase a Course—Select the state, and then Web-Based (\$12) Training. **MUST pay online for the course.**

Keep a copy of your receipt/confirmation.

Submitting Certificate of Completion—Once the training is complete, return to the course menu screen to download a PDF of the Certificate of Completion with the youth's unique certificate number. **Certificates must be submitted for the Kewaunee County Fair.**

New 4-H Website

Check out the improved Wisconsin 4-H website. It has great information about project areas, educational trips and activities, policies, volunteer resources, and much more.

You can find the updated website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>



Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program

WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2021
January 14 - Roaming the Rumen
February 11 - Feeding & Caring for Swine without Ractopamine
March 11 - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products
April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences
May 13 - Meat Science Cookery - making and cooking of meat products
All events are virtual and begin at 7 p.m.
Can meet county educational requirements.

For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>. On this webpage you can also complete an educational verification form and turn it into your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences using sensors and cameras

May 13 - Meat Science Cookery

Miss a session and want to watch the recording? Visit: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. Website - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/>
 YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g>
 Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>



Clover Connections Videos

Are you a club or project leader looking for ideas as we begin this new 4-H year? We've been working on a new video series to help you connect with your club members, run meetings and much more. There are idea for virtual, hybrid, and small group in person meetings. We'll release a new Clover Connections video each week! Watch our social media channels for links and more information!

The videos can be found at: <http://bit.ly/CloverConnections>

