To All Columbia County 4-H Families and FFA Advisors:

Here is your weekly update of 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. In order of appearance:

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Wanted: Feedback for the 4-H County Events Scheduling Committee--

Why do you attend / participate in Columbia County 4-H Events?
and/or
Why don't you attend/participate in Columbia County 4-H Events???

Please tell the 4-H County Events Scheduling Committee with the google form below. Ctrl+Click on the link and complete the google forms survey. Thanks!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cmZxwwxnhANf8edRa_cE0dYFrtjru_EXTVNmAfdy4AU/edit

Leader Training

When: Sunday, September 10
Time: 3:30 pm
Where: Cambria Fire Station; 702 Elizabeth St, Cambria

Desired Outcomes of 4-H Clubs

Active participation in a 4-H club helps young people develop the following assets and life skills:

- Greater knowledge and appreciation of themselves and others
- Decision-making skills
- Public and interpersonal communication skills
- Positive interactions with other young people and with adults
- Responsibility for themselves
- An ethic of service to group and community
- An attitude of lifelong inquiry and application of information
- An ability to relate to a constantly changing world
- Strengthened family interactions
- Career exploration and workforce preparation skills
- Leadership skills

• Ability to work effectively as part of a team
• Greater understanding of and appreciation for diversity
• Practical knowledge and skills in project areas

Adults involved in 4-H roles as volunteers often grow and develop in the same areas as the youth participants.

For this and more information about 4-H Club Development check out this Michigan State 4-H Publication: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/236/67484/4-HClubDevelopmentGuide.pdf

Signs of Successful 4-H Clubs

Every family involved in a 4-H Club can help make it even more successful!

The member and volunteer behaviors listed below can be observed in a 4-H club that is successful in achieving the goals and outcomes of 4-H.

Active Participation in Learning
• By developing competency in chosen projects and life skills
• By doing and discovering through multiple learning styles
• By doing things that have tangible results
• Through progressive accomplishments and challenges
• Is fun for young people and adults

Decision-Making Opportunities
• In groups (such as establishing group goals, plans and actions and experiencing the democratic process)
• Individually (such as making choices in project work and evaluating progress)

Social Interaction
• Learning to participate appropriately in competitive and cooperative learning situations
• With peers, adults and persons outside the group
• Family-centered activities
• Fun

Leadership
• Members involved in leadership roles (Common roles include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) (Common leadership activities include giving demonstrations and teaching projects to younger 4-H members) (For a listing of roles and responsibilities, see "Section V: Roles People Play.")
• Adults serving as facilitators and showing how without doing for youth
• Shared leadership among adults, parents, and youth
• Participation in leadership training and practicing what is learned

Evaluation
• Assessing personal progress and club organization
• Feedback on results, products, and achievements
• Using feedback to plan future activities

Recognition
• Appreciation of one's own accomplishments
• Interpersonal acknowledgment and reinforcements
• Incentives and awards for individuals and groups

Public Affirmation
• Exhibition of products.
• Public presentation of ideas (speeches and demonstrations)

Community Involvement
• Using community resources in 4-H
• Contributing to the welfare and development of the community

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Columbia County 4-H Calendar Setting Meeting

Join by Conference Call (charges will apply to your phone)

by calling 712.770.4035

Access Code: 826594

What: Draft schedule for County-wide Events – consider committees needed
When: Wednesday, September 6
Time: 5 PM
Who: Older Youth, Adults
Where: Cambria Fire Station

Contact Karen for more information or if you would like to attend.

Calendar Meeting Discussion beginning at 5 PM on September 6, 2017 in Cambria. People may join by phone conference.

- What events occur in Columbia County 4-H
- Who organizes them
- Purpose of events
- What questions do we have about the events that are held?
- Are there gaps?
- Are there changes that can be made to make the events more effective for their purpose?
- Suggested events for 2017 – 2018 including additions, changes

International Foods Workshop (Committee Driven – office supported)
Foods Revue and Foods Activity Day (County Organized) (April)
Clothing Revue (Committee/County Organized) (May)
Cupcake Wars (Committee Driven – office supported) (Has been in April or May – wants to move to winter)
Family Day of Learning (Has been county organized – would be more successful with a committee structure.) (March)
Cloverbud Sensational Saturday (Committee Driven but county organized)
Communication Arts Festival (Judging - County Organized) (January)

- Demonstration Contest (county organized – needed for state fair participation)

Music Festival (Judging – County Organized – needed for state fair participation)
Drama Festival (Judging – County Organized – needed for state fair participation)
4-H Arts Day (didn't do this last year – committee organized but numbers dwindled – began with a fiber arts focus)
EXPO (?)
Cloverbud Camp (Committee Driven but county organized)
Officer Training (Ambassador Organized – with support from the county)
Radio Promotion (Office Driven)
Record Book Check is determined by meeting room availability and working backwards from Awards Day Date
Awards Day (October)

Desirable?

… More things for Cloverbuds and 3rd/4th graders would be really nice.
National 4-H Week Focus Events
Focus on Health Event or Initiative

Questions?
We have months with nothing – especially early in the year. Are we concerned about engaging families early? Or are they involved enough in their club events/activities? Cloverbuds? 1st year Families?
Should Music and Drama more closely align to the time frame desired by State Fair so clubs don't have to re-tool their presentation?

Other events members could attend:

Planter night is organized by the Master Gardeners.
Shamrock Shuffle
Let's Get Green and Growing
Fall Forum (November)
Sauk County Learning Day – January (?)

4H Online Ready for Enrollments!

4HOnline is now ready to accept new and returning enrollments.
Please be sure that if you have had a 4H Online account in the past that you DO NOT create a new account. If you are unsure of your account status, please contact the office and your account can be retrieved. If you are a new, previous leader or are a current leader who is subject to a 4 year background check, please note that our process for completing background checks has changed and they are completed at the state level. The state will be pulling names every Monday so please watch your email account to see if you are due to be screened and follow the instructions in the email. If you have any questions regarding project selection, 4H online enrollment, leader background screening or anything to do with 4H Online, please contact Jennifer at 608.742.9687 or Jennifer.evans@ces.uwex.edu.

For online enrollment information please visit:
https://counties.uwex.edu/columbia/wp-admin/post.php?post=4192&action=edit

Sale of Champion Checks

Checks are ready to be picked up at the UW-Extension Office, please be sure to bring a thank you card accompanied with $2.00 for postage and envelope. Hours are 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

Weekly Emails Online!
http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/