

UWEX 4-H YD Report—November 28, 2016



Important Dates:

- December 1 Member and volunteer re-enrollment deadline
- December 9 Last day for Space Camp registration in 4HOnline
- December 15 Last day for general leaders to approve re-enrolling members and volunteers
- January 27 Music Fest forms due
- January 28 Kids' College, Government Center
- January 31 Music Fest MC Tryouts, Government Center, 6:30pm
- February 7 Music Fest MC Practice, Government Center, 6:30pm
- February 19 Music Fest, Elkhorn High School, 1:00pm
- March 1 New member enrollment deadline; re-enrolled member add/drop deadline
- March 15 Last day for general leaders to approve new members and volunteers

General Leader Approval of 2016-2017 Enrollment!!

As re-enrollment is coming to a close, please have your re-enrolling members approved by December 15th. New enrollment closes on March 1, please have new members approved by March 15th. If you have any questions, changes or corrections that need to be made in 4HOnline please contact Susan Clark at sclark@co.walworth.wi.us or 262-741-4954.

Club Only Members for 2017

A list of "club only" members was placed in each club's mailbox. Some of the 4-Hers on this list have graduated from 4-H are not returning anyway, but there are a fair number who are already re-enrolled. Please look over the entire list, as some of these youth may have switched into YOUR club since their names were submitted. Remember that if your club did not submit a list prior to the September 26 deadline, all of your members are considered to have ended the year "in good standing."

MAQA Training '17

MAQA Training dates for 2017 will be released shortly. An email will be sent to all re-enrolling 4-H members, FFA advisers, and club leaders with details. Additionally, snail mail notices will be mailed to 4-H families enrolled in the Swine Project. Be aware that big changes to the MAQA system are coming for 2018.

Officer School Participation

A big thank you goes to all of the leaders who encouraged youth within their clubs to attend this year's 4-H Officer School. The event was a big success with the guest presenter who attended capping off the day with lots of inspiring ideas for engagement and meeting fun. A list of all club participants was placed in each club's mailbox for reference. Please invite participants from your club to report on their experience at an upcoming meeting and check-in with them to see what they learned and what ideas they took away that your group might be able to implement.

Space Camp 2017

An email was sent out to all 4-H Families about Space Camp. Registration opens on October 3 and closes on Dec 9 at midnight. Space camp is for 4-H Youth in grades 6-8. Departure is Thursday, April 20, 2017 returning on Monday April 24, 2017. Please remind and encourage youth in your club to check it out!

Volunteer-In-Preparation Training Dates (previously known as Youth Protection Training)

Dates for this year's Volunteer-In-Preparation Trainings will be announced by email shortly. They will also be posted on our UW-Extension website. This training replaces the old "New Volunteer Orientation/Youth Protection Training" workshop. If you have adults who are interested in becoming official 4-H volunteers, please advise them to 1) enroll as adult volunteers in 4HOnline; 2) take the on-line "mandated reporter training" available through 4HOnline; and 3) respond to the background check email they will receive from GIS about a week after they enroll. All three of these steps AND participation in the Volunteer-In-Preparation Training are part of the new state 4-H volunteer screening requirements.

Zoo York Workshop Series

The Walworth County Why Not 4-H Leadership Team is hosting it's a natural science workshop series called **Zoo York** on November 29, December 7, and December 10. This series, inspired by Disney's Zootopia movie, will consist of mini-workshops focused on individual ecosystems and the amazing adaptive features that animals living there rely on to "survive." Participants,

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currently in grades 3-6, can sign up for one workshop or all three! Pre-registration is required, but participation is free thanks to the financial support of our Walworth County Senior Leaders' Association. Youth can pre-register by calling 262-741-4951 or by emailing deborah.moser@ces.uwex.edu.