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**"4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF
YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS
AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING
LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND
LIFE SKILLS"**

Dear 4-H Families:



As we approach Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I invite you to take time to think about his message and what it means for 4-H members, volunteers and clubs.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was an activist and prominent leader. He is best known for his non-violent advancements during the Civil Rights Movement. He worked toward the expansion of American values including a society of equalization for people of all colors. King is the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. By the time he died in 1968, he had also focused his efforts on ending poverty.

The face of the United States continues to change. Our 4-H clubs and communities grow with a mix of races, cultures, socioeconomic status and spiritual affiliations. We have members who are rich and poor, have various education levels, and some who struggle with physical or mental challenges. How do we reach out to and welcome new or different people in our clubs? Do club members and volunteers appreciate and encourage diversity? Do you reach out to those different than yourself?

Today's 4-H members are more likely than ever before to have interactions with people different from themselves. The ability to relate well to all types of people is a leadership skill that is becoming increasingly important and valued. Understanding, accepting and valuing diversity can help everyone, especially young people, thrive in our changing society.

Make 2017 a great year!

Lisa Devine-Barribeau
Marinette County 4-H Youth Development Educator
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YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN NEW COUNTY-WIDE 4-H PROJECT

If you like to experiment, enjoy aerospace, Legos, and robots and want to learn programming...the new STEM (Science, technology, engineering & math) county-wide 4-H project club is for you! Membership in the project is open to any Marinette County 4-H member. The next meeting is **Sun., December 4**, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at the Pound Town Hall. The new EV3 robots will be ready to experiment with. If you have questions, contact Jodie Bartnik, STEM Project Leader at 715-927-3177 or jsbartnik@gmail.com



NEW LEADER & ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING

Tues., December 6, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in the UW Extension Conference Rm., at the Marinette Courthouse.

PIZZA PARTY AND TRAINING FOR NEW CLUB OFFICERS

Congratulations to those members who have been elected as club officers! Your role is important. To celebrate (and get some training too) club officers are invited to attend the training and pizza party provided by Lisa and older youth leaders on **Tuesday, December 6**, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. at the UWEX Office. Please call the office by **December 5th** to register. Minimum of 5 youth officers needed to run the training.

If you cannot attend the training but would like a club officer handbook filled with officer duty descriptions, leadership tips, Parliamentary Procedure guidelines and ice breakers and games for your club, please call the 4-H Office to request one.

4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders! There is lots to celebrate in Marinette County!

Who: All 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders
When: **Sun., Dec. 11, noon** potluck and awards & recognition to follow at 12:45 pm.
Where: St. Mary's Church Hall, Hwy. A, Crivitz

Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Plates provided. Also, each club should bring a dessert. We wish to thank our host for this year's event: Nelligan Lake 4-H Club. Elections for Leaders Association Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be held. Descriptions of offices in November newsletter.

NEW THIS YEAR: Each family is also being asked to bring canned good(s) to donate to the Crivitz Food Pantry.

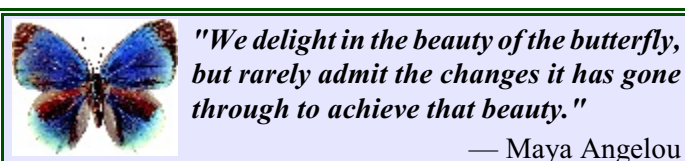
Fair checks will be distributed at the event.

FOUR STEPS TO BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER

Youth are our most precious resource and I'm sure you join me in taking their protection and safety very seriously. All 4-H youth development volunteers are required to complete 4 steps before volunteering with youth.

- 1) Annually signing the Volunteer Behavior Expectation & Assumption of Risk (done as part of the on-line enrollment.)
- 2) Participating in face-to-face VIP (Volunteer in Preparation) training provided by UW-Extension. (Only once.)
- 3) Pass a criminal background check. (Initial and every four years.)
- 4) Complete UWEX Volunteer Mandated Reporter Training (on-line).

New volunteers should call the 4-H office to schedule face-to-face VIP training.



Lots of changes in the lives of our youth; not all are beautiful. Give what you can, share, spend time with a young person—let them know you share their journey!

IMPORTANT: THANK SPONSORS FOR CHECKS

If you received a check and/or trophy from a Fair sponsor, and you haven't sent a thank you, please take the time to do it now. Tell them you appreciate their generosity and support of 4-H programs and the Fair.

FAIR CHECKS

Please cash your fair check **AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT**. Fair checks cannot be withheld from members for any reason including failure to provide a record book or completion form. Checks were earned through participation in the county fair and funds come from state aid, not the 4-H program.

4-H YOUTH LEADER

Any 4-Her with project experience may be a Youth Leader in that project. You may help someone or you may be a project assistant or the club leader for the project. It is a great learning experience. Enroll on-line as a youth leader and talk to your club or project leader about your interests.

PLEASE READ

It is important to remember that if you have not completed your enrollment form on-line, you are not covered by insurance. Also, this will be the last newsletter you will receive, if you haven't re-enrolled. Visit <https://wi.4honline.com>

STATE 4-H TEAM ON-LINE APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Teams for 2017. 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for on-line at: <http://wi.4honline.com>

Information, Job Descriptions, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on the website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>

Application forms and additional application materials (see each teams' requirements) are due **January 28, 2017**, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply! This video might just help!!! <https://youtu.be/zNRbKrKj0J8>

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips or applying for Key Award (top county 4-H recognition) should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. Due **Feb. 1**. Will be interviewed on **Mon, Feb. 20**, at 6 pm. All information regarding age requirements and trips is

available on the last page of this newsletter. Forms available through your leader, 4-H office or on the 4-H website at:

<http://marinette.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4h-forms/>

WI 4-H FOUNDATION 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding WI students pursuing higher education. Applications must be received via e-mail by **March 15, 2017**. To be eligible, students must have been a WI 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 2017-18 academic school year. Visit <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> for more info.

CO. 4-H LEADERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible, you must have been in Marinette County 4-H at least four years and be a 4-H graduate of Marinette County or eligible to graduate. Open to high school seniors, freshmen and sophomores in post-secondary education, including college, university or technical school and a full-time student. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: **March 1**.

DFA SCHOLARSHIP

To recognize outstanding students for pursuing careers in the dairy industry or a related field, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. has a scholarship program. The Foundation awards scholarships to three categories of students:

- Incoming freshmen: High school seniors or recent graduates who have been accepted to college, but have not yet started classes
- Undergraduate students: Students who are currently participating in an associate's or bachelor's degree program, but have not yet graduated
- Graduate/professional students: Students enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program

Applications are due **Jan. 15**. For more info & application, visit: <http://www.dfamilk.com/careers/scholarships>

SESQUICENTENNIAL/CENTURY FARM AWARDS

The WI State Fair honors farms and homes of 150 and 100 years. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Call Nancy at 732-7514. Deadline to apply is **March 1**.

CAMP NEWS

GET CREATIVE! CAMP T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Would you like to see your original design being worn by over 250 smiling campers? The N.E.W. 4-H Camp Team (Counties of Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto & Brown) is looking for their 2017 4-H summer camp t-shirt design. The contest is open to campers and 4-H members grades K-13 and camp youth staff.

The design should:

- Include the 4-H clover
- Relate to a camping theme
- Be your original artwork (no photos)
- Be able to be reproduced on a t-shirt (in black & white on colored shirt)
- Be 8 ½ X 11 inches
- Include your name, county, age, phone number and e-mail on the back of your design

The winning youth artist will have his or her artwork displayed on the 2017 camp t-shirt and will receive their choice of \$25.00 off of their camp registration or a \$25.00 gift certificate for the 4-H Mall. All other entries will be put into a random drawing and one person will receive their choice of \$25.00 off their camp registration or \$25.00 gift certificate from the 4-H Mall book. Please note that your design will become the property of the N.E.W. Camp Team and will be subject to editing & change at their discretion. Please submit your design to your UW-Extension Office by **April 1, 2017**.

WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP

Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2017 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From team building, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...Camp will be held **February 10-12** at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.

If you're interested in attending, please contact the UW-Extension Office.

WANTED: CAMP COUNSELORS AND DISHWASHERS

Do you enjoy working with younger kids? Would you like

to meet other 4-Hers from other counties? Do you want to take your leadership skills to the great outdoors? Then camp is the place for you! Applications are due to the UW-Extension Office by **March 15**. Dishwashers must be age 14 or older by June 1, 2017 & counselors must be age 15 or older by June 1, 2017. Camp dates are June 10-13. Please call the office to obtain an application or visit: <http://marinette.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-summer-camp/>



BASKET OF CLOVERS

• *Many thanks* to our Leader's Association Treasurer, Suz Deschane, for her years of service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

4	Sun.	4-H STEM Project Meeting, Pound Town Hall, 4:00-6:00 pm
6	Tues.	New VIP Training/Annual Leader Training, UWEX Conf. Rm., 3-4:30 pm
6	Tues.	Club Officer Training & Pizza Party (Must register), UWEX Conf. Rm., 5:30-6:45 pm
11	Sun.	Annual Achievement Event, St. Mary's Church Hall, in Crivitz, noon
12	Mon.	4-H Horse Project Meeting & Officer Elections, Peshtigo High School, 6:30 pm

JANUARY

6	Fri.	County Committee Sign-Up Due (see November newsletter)
16	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
16	Mon.	4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz Fire Station, 6:30 pm

Dear Marinette County 4-H Leaders, Members and Parents:

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations are encouraged to write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number (715-732-7510) of the Marinette County Extension Office, as early as possible prior to the event so appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential. Individuals who need special access due to hearing impairment may contact the Marinette County Extension Office by calling the relay service for the hearing impaired by dialing 711.

On behalf of Marinette County Cooperative Extension, I want to thank you for collaborating with UW-Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support & partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Marinette County.

Sincerely,

Lisa Devine-Barribeau

Lisa Devine-Barribeau, 4-H Youth Development Educator
Marinette County University of Wisconsin - Extension

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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS■ MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H

■ Please note: Dates are subject to change.



JANUARY

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- TBA 4-H Art Lab Deadline
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 16 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz
- 28 WI 4-H Showcase Singer/Drama Co./Art/Press
Team Applications Due
- TBA 4-H Art Lab, WI Dells

FEBRUARY

- 1 County Awards/Trips Application Due
- 1 International Host Family Applications Due
- 20 4-H Association Meeting, Pound
- 20 County Awards and Trips Interviews

MARCH

- 1 County 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 6-7 Co-Op Youth Educational Summit
- 15 Camp Bird Counselor and Dishwasher
Applications Deadline
- 15 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- 20 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz
- 20 Music Fest & Speaking Contest, Crivitz
- TBA 4-H Art Beat!
- 25-30 National 4-H Conference, Washington DC

APRIL

- TBA State 4-H Conference Registration On-Line
- 17 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz
- 17 Drama & Variety Fest/Demonstration Contest
- 18 Camp Scholarship Forms Due
- 20-24 US Space Camp, Huntsville, AL

MAY

- 1 Last Day To Join 4-H To Show In Youth Fair
- 1 Last Day To Add or Drop Projects
- TBA Horse Bowl
- 15 4-H Association Meeting, Pound



JUNE

- TBA Badger Dairy Camp
- 10-13 Summer Camp At Camp Bird
- 17-Jul.16 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
- 19 4-H Association Meeting, Pound
- 26-29 State 4-H and Youth Conference

JULY

- 1 Start of New Fiscal Year
- 7 Fair Entries Due
- 17 4-H Association Meeting, Wausaukee

AUGUST

- 3-13 WI State Fair, West Allis
- TBA Adventure Camp, Camp Upham Woods
- 19 Dog, Cat, Vet Science, Exotic Animal Judging
- 24 Entry Day at Marinette County Fair
- 24-27 Marinette County Fair
- TBA State 4-H Dog Obedience/Showmanship Show

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Art Camp Applications Due
- TBA State 4-H Gymkhana
- TBA WI State 4-H Horse Expo
- 18 4-H Association Meeting, Pound

OCTOBER

- 1 Start of New 4-H Year
- TBA National 4-H Dairy Conference
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 3-7 World Dairy Expo, Madison
- TBA 4-H Arts Camp
- 4 Record Books Due
- 16 4-H Association Meeting, Crivitz

NOVEMBER

- TBA Annual Leader Training
- 1 4-H Charters Due to UWEX
- 20 4-H Association Meeting, Marinette
- 24-28 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
- 30 4-H Re-Enrollments Due

DECEMBER

- TBA 4-H Achievement/Recognition Day

MARINETTE COUNTY 4-H SPONSORED EVENTS APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications are accepted twice a year (October and February).

1. *Complete the application (see page 2 of this newsletter for more information) and return to the UW Extension Office by **February 1** (for February interview).*
2. *Participate in an interview (watch 4-H newsletter for date). Interviews are held in October and February.*
3. *Receive notification stating which trips you were chosen to receive sponsorship for. Awards remain a surprise and are given out at annual county achievement day.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIPS LISTED, VISIT: [HTTP://FVL.UWEX.EDU/WI4HEDOPP/](http://fvl.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/)

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington D.C. (tent June 17-25, June 24-July 2 or July 8-16, 2017) 10th-12th grade
1-2 youth per county. Spend a week at Natl. 4-H Center. Week includes workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Georgia (November 24-28, 2017) 10th-12th grade
Trip offers an opportunity to meet with 4-H members from across the nation. Self development, leadership and community service will be key in this five-day trip.

National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C. (March 24-30, 2017) 10th-12th grade
6-8 youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this working civic engagement conference. One day is spent at Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring.

Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama (April 20-24-2017) 6th-8th grade
An experience of a lifetime! This five-day trip offers hands-on opportunities including simulated shuttle missions, experiments in the space station, launching & landing spacecraft and more. Maximum age of 15 at time of trip. Space Camp counselors may be in Grade 7-10.

Advanced Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama (January 21-28, 2017) 10th-12th grade
An in-depth science experience including a six hour simulated space shuttle/space station mission, pilot simulators and micro-gravity environments. Tour of U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Limited enrollment.

American Spirit Experience, East Coast (June 14-22, 2017) 8th-10th grade
Youth from neighboring counties participate in a nine-day bus tour where they are immersed into Americas's history in the eastern states. Limited enrollment.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, Madison WI (June 26-29, 2017) 7th-10th grade
Approximately 600 youth attend this four-day event on the Madison campus each summer. Take part in educational seminars in everything from kayaking to the performing arts and everything in between.

National 4-H Dairy Conference, Madison WI (October, 2017) 10th-12th grade
Join 200 youth from 4-H dairy projects in U.S. & Canada. Learn about production, processing, marketing and careers including biotechnology and genetics. Includes speakers, tours and visiting the World Dairy Expo. Must have 3+ years in 4-H dairy project & outstanding dairy accomplishment records.

Winter Leadership Camp, Wisconsin (February, 2017) 6th-8th grade
Improve your leadership skills through hands-on activities and opportunities to participate in a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

Wisconsin 4-H Key Award 9th-13th grade
Recognizes select 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth, developed and applied leadership skills and actively participated in their 4-H club and community. Must have 3 years of 4-H and 1 year youth leadership.

Golden Clover Award (County Award) 8th-12th grade
Recognizes a 4-H member who has been an active leader in the club and at the county level.