

2010 Brown County 4-H Calendar

A complete 2010 calendar can be found on the 4-H web site at www.BrownCountyExtension.org and click on "4-H Youth Development" and then "Forms & Documents" and scroll down to "4-H Calendars."

November			
2	Tuesday	History Club, 4 pm	County
2	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
2	Tuesday	Brown County LOT ² Meeting	County
4	Thursday	Drama Fest Dress Rehearsal, Wrightstown High School, 5-9 pm	County
6	Saturday	Drama Fest, Wrightstown High School (Page 4)	County
6-7	Saturday-Sunday	4-H Camp Counselor Workshop, Upham Woods	State
8	Monday	Brown County 4-H Trip & Award Interviews	County
12-14	Friday-Sunday	4-H Horse Leadership Conference, UW-River Falls (Page 3)	State
13	Saturday	Annual Leaders Training: Amazing Club Leadership, 8:30-10:30 am (Page 4)	County
13	Saturday	Volunteer Orientation/Youth Protection Training, 11 am-1 pm (Page 5)	County
15	Monday	DEADLINE: Enrollment in the Virtual 4-H Club due today (Page 5)	State
20	Saturday	6 th Annual Statewide Fall 4-H Youth Leadership Conference, Wisconsin Dells	State
25-26	Thursday-Friday	<i>Brown County 4-H Office Closed</i>	County
30	Tuesday	UW Madison Animal Sciences Open House	State
December			
1	Wednesday	DEADLINE: Club enrollment packets due back in the 4-H Office	County
7	Tuesday	History Club, 4 pm	County
7	Tuesday	Brown County 4-H Leaders Executive Board & Leaders Association Meetings	County
7	Tuesday	Brown County LOT ² Meeting	County
11	Saturday	Gifts from the Kitchen, 9-11:30 a.m. (Page 6)	County
23-24	Thursday-Friday	<i>Brown County 4-H Office Closed</i>	County
30-31	Thursday-Friday	<i>Brown County 4-H Office Closed</i>	County
January			
8	Saturday	Club Officer Training, 12-2 pm (Page 5)	County
21-22	Friday-Saturday	4-H Art lab, Upham Woods (Page 5)	State
22	Saturday	Livestock Quiz Bowl, Madison (Page 4)	State
24	Monday	DEADLINE: Applications due for 4-H State Groups (Art Team, Drama Company, Photo Team, & Showcase Singers)	State
28-29	Friday-Saturday	Ag Truths not Tails Conference, Upham Woods (Page 4)	State





Amazing Club Leadership was the topic for the annual leader training held in September. As a result of the training attended by most of the 4-H Organizational Leaders in Brown County, some clubs will be focusing on identifying

ways to strengthen leadership within their own club. Since this is the beginning of the 4-H year, it's a great time for all of us to think about *club leadership* and how it can be **AMAZING!** Here's a quiz to test your knowledge about **Amazing Club Leadership**.

Who is responsible for 4-H Club Leadership?

- A. Organizational Leader
- B. Club Officers
- C. Members
- D. Youth and Adult Leaders
- E. All of the above

What are the responsibilities of 4-H Club Officers?

- A. Help the 4-H club set annual goals
- B. Conduct monthly club meetings
- C. Be a good example for others
- D. Help all members feel welcome
- E. All of the above

What are the advantages of shared or team leadership in a 4-H Club?

- A. Shared leadership structures are more stable in times of change and transition
- B. Volunteers can focus on what they do best rather than having to do it all, even if they don't have the skills
- C. Less chance of leaders "burning out" or details not being tended to when more people share in the work and responsibility
- D. New ideas and opportunities promote growth of individual members and the club
- E. All of the above

What makes 4-H Club Leadership AMAZING?

- A. Youth and adults working in partnership
- B. Club officers that are trained, engaged, and know how to do their job
- C. Volunteer leader teams that are focused, responsible, and have good communication with each other
- D. Contributions of all youth and adults to provide leadership, facilitate events, chair committees,

support others, attend meetings, help others, lead projects, and contribute their skills and talents to help the club and 4-H *make the best better*

- E. All of the above

If you answered "*all of the above*" to each of the questions, you're absolutely correct! **Amazing 4-H Clubs** are easy to identify and they all share some common elements. First, **Amazing 4-H Clubs** have amazing participation by members and parents! For these families, 4-H is a priority not a baby-sitting service. These families are busy like everyone else, but share in the responsibility to help make the club successful.

Secondly, these **Amazing 4-H Clubs** provide quality hands-on learning experiences for youth members. This is usually done through project work. Through a series of experiential learning activities over time, youth learn and improve their skills. They really develop competencies and knowledge which makes the time they spend worthwhile for everyone.

Finally, the **Amazing 4-H Clubs** have leadership teams that work well. If you are interested in learning more about Amazing 4-H Clubs, please attend the final annual leader training for 2011 on Saturday, November 13th. This training is open to all older youth, parents, and volunteers. Please call the 4-H Office no later than November 8th to register for this workshop.

Animal Crackers



4-H Horse Leadership Conference November 12-14 – UW River Falls



This statewide leadership workshop for 4-H horse project leaders (youth in 7th grade and up and adults) will be held November 12-14 at UW-River Falls. The purpose of the workshop is to offer educational workshops containing information and hands-on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth; to provide a forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse and Pony Project; and to provide an opportunity for participants to network and share experiences. Details and registration info can be found at <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/horseleadership.cfm>

Horse Association News

Karen DuBois

October was our election month; however, there were not enough people at the meeting to fill the board positions. If you have any suggestions, please call Karen DuBois at (920)863-3386.

Livestock Quiz Bowl Scheduled for January 22

Entries for the Livestock Quiz Bowl Competition on **Saturday, January 22**, are due January 14 (this is a firm deadline as brackets need to be made). The event this year will be at the UW-Madison Animal Sciences Department in Madison starting at 9:30 a.m. with registration. All teams in place for a 10 a.m. start.

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The teams are divided into three age divisions. The junior division is made up of four members who are under 14 years of age as of January 1, 2011. The senior division is for teams of four members who are all 14 years of age or older as of January 1, 2011. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Competition in Livestock Quiz Bowl encourages member to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence.

The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE, at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.



We encourage youth to participate in both contests. Hotel and other information are available on the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/livestock-quiz-bowl/>. Please contact Bernie O'Rourke at (608)263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu for more information.

Ag Truths not Tails Conference

Mark your calendar for this engaging youth conference on January 28-29 at Upham Woods. Friday night activities and stay are optional. This is for youth ages 13 to one year post high school in the project areas of Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats. This is a great opportunity to learn and practice skills to become the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's Livestock & Dairy Industry. Bring a team of youth and parents to these interactive, networking sessions that will focus on Animal Welfare from leaders in the Livestock & Dairy Industry. Pam Jahnke, Farm Director, Wisconsin Farm Report Radio will keynote the event. Speakers from UW Extension, Validus, World Dairy Expo, National Pork Board, and others will lead your experience. **This is a great opportunity for county educational credits.** For more information, visit the conference website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-263-4304.

Arts & Activities



Annual Leader Training: Amazing Club Leadership

For those of you that missed the training on September 28 – we are offering one more session of the “**Annual Leader Training: Amazing Club Leadership**” on **Saturday, November 13th**, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Adult leaders, youth leaders, and club officers are invited to attend. This is the third year of the annual training, and this year the focus is on club leadership. The focus will be on youth/adult partnerships, officer teams, and club leadership structure. As in the past, all adult leaders and youth are invited to participate in this training, but at least one adult leader from each club **MUST** attend the training in order for the club to be chartered.

If your club was not represented at the September 28th session, this is your last opportunity to attend. Register by November 5th at kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu or 391-4654.

Volunteer Orientation/Youth Protection

This year's Volunteer Orientation/Youth Protection sessions have been scheduled for new leaders (or any leaders that have not yet been certified) for the following dates:

- **Saturday, November 13th**, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Tuesday, February 1st**, from 1-3 p.m.

Please remember that in order for your club to be chartered, **ALL leaders must be certified**. February 1st is the last opportunity for new leaders to become certified for the 2010-2011 enrollment year.

State 4-H Group On-line Application Form is Up and Ready to Go!

Attention all 4-Hers in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's 4-H State Arts Groups for 2011. **4-H Art Team, 4-H Showcase Singers, and 4-H Drama Company** can all be applied for on-line at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/forms/team/>. Here are some dates for the months ahead:

- The 4-H Art Lab will be **January 21-22** at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Applications are due **December 3**. Details can be found at <http://4hartswisconsin.org/art-lab/>
- Application deadline for all the State Groups is **January 24**. Details can be found at <http://4hartswisconsin.org/state-arts-groups/>
- 4-H ArtBeat! North will be **March 4-5** at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Eau Claire County. Applications are due **February 11**. Details can be found at <http://4hartswisconsin.org/artbeat/>
- 4-H ArtBeat! South will be **March 25-26** at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Applications are due **March 4**. Details can be found at <http://4hartswisconsin.org/artbeat/>
- The April training for the State 4-H Groups is **April 8-9** at Upham Woods.

More information, job descriptions, photos, video, etc., can be found here: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/ArtsandCommunications.cfm> 4-H members are encouraged to apply on-line; however, hard copy forms are also available for those unable to access the internet. Application forms and audition materials are **due January 24**.

Club Officer Training

Mark your calendars! Club Officer Training has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 8**, from 12-2 p.m. at the Ag & Extension Service Center. Contact Kathy at the 4-H Office at 391-4654 or kathy.dechamps@ces.uwex.edu to sign up!



New! Virtual 4-H Club

The Club Innovation team is starting a Virtual 4-H Club for Wisconsin! It is a PILOT program that will focus on Youth Entrepreneurship-something that is going on in YOUR county! We need your help recruiting 4-H members in YOUR county who may be looking at Youth Entrepreneurship, are already in the project, or have a small business already. We are taking 4-H members at all different levels!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need 4-H members in YOUR COUNTY! Members who are eligible: 4-H members from across Wisconsin in grades 7-12 for the program. Please send the information to them and we will send them an invitation to apply. We will then seek your approval (to make sure they are a member in good standing in your county).

Youth who are interested in being a club member of the Virtual 4-H Club can send the following information to gail.kraus@ces.uwex.edu no later than November 15:

- Name
- Email address
- County/club
- Contact information
- Experience with entrepreneurship
- What you hope to learn

THANK YOU for your help in making this a wonderful experience!!

Decorate the Showcase Window at the Ag & Extension Service Center

If your club hasn't signed up to decorate the hallway showcase window at the Ag & Extension Service Center, call Kathy at 391-4654 to select a month.

Gifts from the Kitchen

Learn how to make your own gifts from the kitchen! We will be making homemade goodies that you can give for Christmas gifts. The session is offered **Saturday, December 11**, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Ag & Extension Service Center to youth ages 7-12. It would be appreciated if a couple parents would volunteer to assist with projects. Class fee is \$5.00 and includes everything you will need. Please bring an apron. Pre-registration is required; space is limited. To register, call 391-4654. Instructed by Judy Knudsen, Brown County Family Living Educator, and Eileen Rueden, 4-H Leader. If any one has any empty glass mayonnaise jars to donate, please call the Extension Office.



Wisconsin State 4-H Adult & Youth Leader Councils Fall Forum Report

Eileen Rueden

The forum was held October 16 in Stevens Point with 39 counties represented. Wisconsin is maintaining their numbers on youth and adult in 4-H. Upham Woods is expanding and updating the camp. They have started a campaign to raise nearly \$4 million for improvements. The silent auction raised funds for Upham Woods. At the luncheon the 4-H Foundation recognized Badgerland Financial for their long-term support of Wisconsin 4-H. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Sandy Thurs of Lincoln County, and the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award went to Verne Gilles of Bayfield County. Sessions were on "Why Invest in 4-H" and "Amazing Club Leadership." Eileen Rueden was elected President-Elect for the adult Leader Council.

2011 Eastern District Winter Leadership Camp

Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don't miss this great opportunity to participate in a weekend of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding to campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time...this year's 4-H Winter Leadership Camp will be held **February 4-6** at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot.



Older youth from throughout the Eastern District will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership Camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply

being a youth leader in their club, county and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities.

Adult leaders are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors. If you're interested attending, please contact your UW-Extension Office for an application.

Holiday Hours

Please note that the Brown County Extension Office will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, November 25
- Friday, November 26
- Thursday, December 23
- Friday, December 24
- Thursday, December 30
- Friday, December 31

Happy holidays! ☺



Greenleaf 4-H

Casey “CJ” Sroda, Reporter

Hi; my name is CJ (Casey) Sroda and I am the new club reporter – this is my first year. The last Greenleaf 4-H meeting was October 11. There were about 75 people attending the meeting. We announced new and retiring officers and had a party right after. During the new office induction, the old officers held candles and handed them to the new officers taking their place. It was a great experience! Others brought their projects from the fair. Lots of people brought desserts! Leader service awards were also handed out. One special mention was our leader, Mary Geurts, who has been volunteering for 32 years. We played a get to know each other game called move around bingo. If you did not finish the game you could not eat! It was fun.

The Greenleaf 4-H Club will also be participating in Drama Fest this year to be held at the Wrightstown High School on November 6. We have about 25 club members involved and we have been practicing during the week and on Sundays. We all have scripts to practice and memorize our lines.

Our club also took part in the National 4-H Week event that took place October 5 at the Extension Office. Some of our club leaders worked the welcome table and some of our club leaders and member had exhibits on display. Brown County 4-H recognized businesses that helped promote 4-H this year, especially those who helped with the GPS project.

Our club has been busy! On Saturday, October 16, our club cleaned up Highway 57. Our leader, Patti Mulcahy, organized the event. Club members must be in the 6th grade to participate so I could not attend. My mom took pictures for me. She reports the cleanup went well; 21 people turned out and they split into groups.



It took about 1½ hours to complete. Some interesting finds were a folding fan, a stuffed animal, and a dead skunk – yuck.

Our next meeting will be November 15 in St. Clare’s Parish Basement in Greenleaf. I want everyone to have a wonderful year. I would also appreciate pictures from programs I cannot attend.

Opportunities



Tobacco Prevention/Education Wendy Weyenberg, Youth Coordinator Community Action for Healthy Living

Community Action for Healthy Living has been awarded tobacco funding from the State of Wisconsin for prevention and advocacy in Brown County. I would like to extend services to your 4-H youth. I am trained in the Teens Against Tobacco Use Program from American Lung Association (TATU) as well as FACT (Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco). I am interested in coming to a meeting to train youth in either of these topic areas. Tobacco prevention services such as these are free. However, I would ask that someone gather the youth to be trained, have a space available for us to use, and provide a representative to run the group after the training is complete. Both TATU and FACT are high school age based programs ranging in age 13-18.



If you would like more information on either of these programs or want to go ahead and set up training for your group, contact me and I will be happy and excited to come to your club meeting!

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