

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

It's time to bundle up, take a seat by the fire (or heater), and explore your winter

4-H Courier! Cold temperatures never stop 4-Hers from having a blast. Check out page 3 to learn more about the **Roller Skating Party, Teen Bell Ringing/Holiday Food Basket, and Family Winter Party!**

The new year also reminds us that it's never too early to think about our goals for next spring and summer! Turn to page 12 for a reminder about all the awesome trips and awards eligible 4-Hers can apply for. Remember to get your applications in by **December 21!** Teens should also consider applying to become a camp counselor at our 4-H Junior and/or Intermediate Camp in June. This is a great way to learn and demonstrate excellent leadership skills as you give your younger peers an awesome camp experience!

As always, thank you to the volunteers and parents who make positive youth development in Portage County possible! Happy Holidays!



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Mark Your Calendars!

DECEMBER

- 11 Deadline to register for Teen Winter Camp
- 15 **Deadline to sign up for the Market Animal Project**
- 18 Teen Bell Ringing and Holiday Food Basket Shopping, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Cops in Park Ridge
- 21 **Teen Trips & Awards applications due at the UW-Extension Office**
- 25 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 26 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 27 Roller-Skating and Pizza Party, 6:30 - 9:00 PM, Skate City, WI Rapids



JANUARY

- 1 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 6 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 1:30 PM, Pineries Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 6 Market Animal Kick-Off Meeting, 2:00 PM, Pineries Room, Portage County Library, Stevens Point
- 9 Interviews for Teen Trips & Awards, 5:00-9:00 PM, Courthouse Annex
- 12 Deadline to submit 4-H Agriculture **Adult** and **Youth** Leadership Award Forms
- 12-14 4-H Teen Winter Camp, Upham Woods
- 15 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, Room 1, Courthouse Annex
- 15 4-H Teen Leaders Association, 6:00 PM, Room 2, Courthouse Annex
- 29 Family Winter Party, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Iverson Park, Stevens Point



FEBRUARY

- 13 Market Animal Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Room 2, Courthouse Annex
- 13 Market Animal Project Practical Applications Meeting, 7:30 PM, Room 2, Courthouse Annex
- 17 State 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest, UW-Madison Muscle Biology Lab
- 19 4-H Leaders Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Courthouse Annex, Room 1

4-H PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

4-H programs are automatically cancelled if:

- 1) The local school districts close due to inclement weather.
- 2) We are under a Winter Storm Warning.

The Extension Office will notify you, if possible, by:

- 1) Sending out an e-mail if program is cancelled during work hours.
- 2) Leaving a message on the main office number (715-346-1316) and 4-H support staff number (715-346-1462).

Program cancellations will not be announced on WSPT Radio.



WINTER FUN!

ROLLER SKATING PIZZA PARTY!

WHO: All 4-H Members, Families, and Friends!

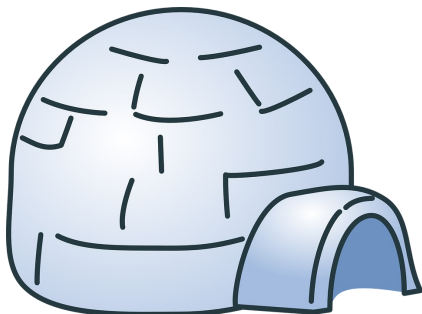
WHEN: Wed., December 28, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

WHERE: Skate City, Wisconsin Rapids
(Highway 54, behind Mark Motors)

COST: \$7.00 per person (details below)

Celebrate the end of the year with a 4-H pizza and skating party! Cost includes admission, skates, pizza, soda, and ice cream. You are welcome to bring your own skates (cost is still \$7.00). Adults who do not plan to skate but are interested in pizza, soda, and ice cream will be charged \$3.50. Inline skate rental is an extra \$1.00 per skater.

Note: When you arrive, please identify yourself as part of the Portage County 4-H Party. Jan Miller will pay for those in attendance and collect money from you during the evening. **PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE** or check made payable to: Portage County 4-H Leaders Assc.



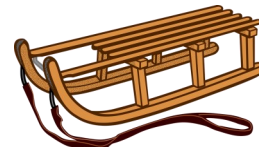
TEEN BELL RINGING AND HOLIDAY BASKET SHOPPING!

WHO: Teens Grade 7 and Older

WHEN: Monday, December 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: Copsps (1500 Pinecrest Ave, Stev Pt)

This is a great way to get together and do good with your fellow 4-H teens this holiday season! Meet at the entrance of the Plover Shopko. Some teens will ring bells for the Salvation Army and others will go shopping for the annual holiday basket, which will be delivered at a later date.



FAMILY WINTER PARTY!

WHO: All 4-H Members, Families, and Friends!

WHEN: Monday, January 29, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHERE: Iverson Park, Stevens Point

Tobogganing, sledding, ice skating, cocoa and hot dogs! This is 4-H fun for the whole family, sponsored by the 4-H Teen Leaders Association! Please bring warm clothes, saucers, sleds, or ice skates (toboggans will be provided). The Teens will bring the hot dogs and cocoa, though each family is asked to bring a treat to share.

PARENTS AND LEADERS WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPERVISE SLEDDING HILL!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

DUE: January 12, 2018

The 4-H Leadership in Agriculture Award is given to deserving 4-H youth members for their dedication to

4-H, their community, and agriculture. It will be presented by the Portage County Business Council

Agri-Business Committee at the Agri-Business Banquet in spring.

To download an application, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/PortageAgYouth>

4-H ADULT AGRICULTURE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

DUE: January 12, 2018

This award is given out by the Portage County Agri-Business Committee. If you know of a deserving leader (must be current leader) who has made exceptional contributions to agriculture education through 4-H, please submit a nomination (you are also welcome to nominate yourself through the online form)! The award will be presented at the Portage County Agri-Business Banquet in spring.

To submit a nomination, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/PortageAgLeader>

WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation offers \$10,000 in scholarships annually to outstanding students pursuing higher education in 2018. Applications include a resume, cover letter, list of 4-H projects, and a recent photo of the applicant.

To be eligible, students must have been a Wisconsin 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 2018-2019 academic year.

For detailed requirements, please visit:

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

CHANGES TO PORTAGE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION POLICY

Due to the loss of some subsidies for 4-H in the 2018 Portage County Budget, the following changes were made by the Portage County 4-H Leader's Association:

- Annual county dues for youth members was raised from \$6/youth to \$8/youth (this may be different than the amount of dues your club collects)
- There will no longer be mileage reimbursement available from the 4-H Leaders Association for transporting animal exhibits to the State Fair or other events.
- The cost of new plat books (2017 edition) was raised from \$35 to \$40. The discounted price of older plat books (2014 edition) was raised from \$15 to \$20.



LEADERS APPRECIATION BANQUET



On November 10, the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association held their 2017 Leader Recognition Banquet at the Portage County Courthouse Annex, Stevens Point. Volunteer 4-H leaders were recognized for their continuous years of service and dedication to youth in the 4-H program.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jan Miller. Jan serves as General Leader of the county's largest 4-H club, the Rosholt Pioneers. She just completed her 36th year as a 4-H Leader. Her three children, Christopher, Nathaniel, and Sarah, were raised in the Portage County 4-H program, and she is now getting her grandchildren involved. For the past twenty-two years, Jan has been treasurer of the Portage County 4-H Leaders Association, and this past year she put in a major effort to transition the Association to a new bank. She has been proactive managing the Association's accounts. Jan also coordinated the ad sales for the 2017 Plat Book, finalizing every ad contract while selling ads herself. Jan also chairs the Plant Sale committee where she organizes and coordinates the fundraiser. In 2017, she ordered, tracked, sorted, distributed, and recorded a record 1,535 plants! There are many more service-oriented projects that Jan is involved in, including the Fair Book Committee and the Youth Exhibit Committee. Jan's love of agriculture has led her to be an active member of the Portage County Market Animal Committee for the past 27 years. On this committee she takes a strong leadership role in designing and implementing the Practical Application Workshop for market animal youth and supporting 4-H and FFA youth in livestock projects. Throughout her 4-H career, Jan has led by example and makes a difference in our community.



Left to right: Barbara J. Kasprovicz, DVM : 2017 Friend of 4-H
Jan Miller : 2017 4-H Volunteer of the Year
Candice Wolosek : 2017 4-H Alumni

The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Candice Wolosek of the Plover Clovers. Candice grew up in Portage County where, for her, 4-H is a family affair. Not only was she in 4-H, but so were her brother Lance and sisters Jackie and Suzie. Her mother Lynette was and still is the General Leader of her 4-H club, the Plover Clovers. Candice was a 4-H member for eleven years and is just starting her 9th year as a 4-H Leader. As a 4-H member, Candice served as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Director of our county 4-H Teen Leaders Association. Now, as an adult leader, she provides leadership to the programs she loved as a youth, including serving as a director on the 4-H Leaders Board. She is on the Records Book Committee, serves as assistant to the General Leader of the Plover Clovers 4-H Club, and volunteers at both Portage County fairs. She also serves as the adult advisor to the 4-H Teen Leaders Association, which involves many of the programs she participated in as a youth. She works with the officers at their bi-monthly meetings and helps plan and oversee programs such as trick or treating for Operation Bootstrap, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, the annual trip to My. Olympus, Teen Bowling night, putting together the Holiday Operation Bootstrap Basket, serving as the 4-H Food Stand Coordinator, and assisting with 4-H Club Officer Training.

The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to Dr. Barbara J. Kasprovicz, veterinarian and 4-H Leader. Dr. Barb has been actively involved for many years with youth in our community. She has served as the veterinarian for both the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs. Dr. Barb is active in the Portage County Market Animal Committee on which she currently serves as Vice President. She also serves Portage County 4-H as a member of the Youth Exhibit Committee and the Amherst Fair Market Animal Committee. Dr. Barb has taught at several events, including the Market Animal Meat Quality Assurance workshop, the Species workshop, and other workshops for the county Beef, Swine, and Sheep projects. In addition, she is an active livestock and dairy leader with the Almond Busy Bees 4-H Club, along with her husband Ted Lein. Their daughter, Candace, is an active member of the club. In addition to her professional obligations, Dr. Barb makes time to mentor youth in good animal husbandry and showmanship. 4-H families who have worked with her comment on her genuine desire to see youth grow and develop through the 4-H program.

Matt Jacowski of the Portage County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee conducted the installation of the 2018 Portage County Adult & Teen Officers. **2018 4-H Leaders Association Board:** President: Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees); Vice President: Paula Kropidowski (County Wide); Secretary: Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers); Treasurer: Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers); Directors: Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Betty Pioneck (Casimer Boosters), Rose Ross (Rosholt Pioneers), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers). **2018 4-H Teen Leaders Board:** President: Abigail Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers); Vice President: Natasha Ockwig (Rosholt Pioneers); Secretary: Isabella Printz (Rosholt Pioneers); Treasurer: Harleigh Carlson (Nelsonville Zippy Zees); Directors: Matthew Ross (Rosholt Pioneers), Sarah Turner (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Annika Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Clare Viau (Sunnyside Climbers), Suzanna Viau (Sunnyside Climbers).



4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H youth were recognized for these life skills at the November 12, 2017 Portage County 4-H Awards Program, held at the Jensen Center in Amherst.

All 4-H youth leaders are encouraged to complete a 4-H record book that summarizes their yearlong efforts in their 4-H club and their project work. The following County awards were presented based on this past year's leadership:

- The Club Secretary Award went to Liberty Klug of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees and Maia Zalewski of the Casimer Boosters.
- The Mechanical Science Award went to Seth Peters of the Sunnyside Climbers.
- The Environmental Education Award went to Grace Zsido of the Casimer Boosters.
- The Plant and Soil Science Award went to Bailey Adams of the Sunnyside Climbers and Natasha Ockwig of the Rosholt Pioneers.
- The Large Animal Science Award went to Samantha Simonis of the Rosholt Pioneers.
- The Small Animal Science Award went to Harleigh Carlson of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees.
- The Cultural Arts Award went to Megan Guzman of the Eager Eagles.
- The County Youth Leader Award went to Natasha Ockwig, Matthew Ross (both of the Rosholt Pioneers) and to Annika Waltenberg of the Nelsonville Zippy Zees.
- The Teen Leader Award went to Tessa Wolosek of the Eager Eagles.

The 2017 Graduates are: Elizabeth Eron (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Taylor Kaminski, Garret Pauloski, Olivia Ross, Amanda Stanislawski (Rosholt Pioneers), Ryan Glodowski (Junction City Golden Stars), Gabrielle Heese (Eager Eagles), Emily Sopa, Alyssa Pagel (Tomorrow River Voyagers) and Cole Warzynski (Almond Busy Bees).

4-H members receive recognition as they progress through their 4-H career. Youth were honored for reaching the Bronze, Silver, Gold, Honor, High Honor, and Excellence point levels. Also honored were Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference delegates, the National Junior Horticulture Contest delegate, Citizenship Washington Focus delegates, Leadership Washington Focus delegates, U. S. Space Camp delegates, National 4-H Congress delegates, 4-H Ambassadors, first-year 4-H members, Cloverbuds, and Portage County 4-H Teen Leaders' Board Members.

Right: Lee Miller presents the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award on behalf of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation to one of the two Portage County recipients, Suzanna Viau of the Sunnyside Climbers. McKenzie Glodowski of the Rosholt Pioneers (not pictured) is also a Wisconsin 4-H Key Award winner from Portage County.

Thanks to the Sunnyside Climbers for donating the wonderful backdrop.



LARGE ANIMAL SCIENCE

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

STRICT DECEMBER 15 DEADLINE!

If you plan to enter beef, swine, or sheep in the 2018 Rosholt Fair Market Animal Show and Sale, you must sign up for the Market Animal Project by **December 15, 2017**.

You can sign up in multiple ways:

- Download and mail in the paper form at from <http://portage.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/> (a copy was also in the October/November 4-H Courier)
- Enroll **fully online** by visiting:

<http://tinyurl.com/RosholtSale>

MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Portage County Library

1001 Main St, Stevens Point WI

Members will receive their rule books and an explanation of the project. *Note that members who do not get their rule book at the Kick-Off Meeting will need to pick it up from the Extension Office.*

MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 12:30 PM

WHERE: UW-MADISON MEAT LAB

COST: \$12/Youth

REGISTER BY: FEBRUARY 5 (CALL 715-346-1320)

More info at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>



MANAGERIAL AGREEMENTS

DUE: APRIL 14, 2018

If the animal that you will be exhibiting (dairy, beef, swine, horse, sheep, goat, dog, cat), is not owned by you or whomever you live with, then you must fill out a managerial contract (back of this page) and send it to the Extension Office 90 days before the fair.

Exhibitors must have owned or managed their animal for a minimum of three months prior to the fair, with the exception of spring dairy calves, lambs and junior doe goats which are less than 4 months old. Proof of this fact may be requested if any exhibits are questioned. Exhibits may be ruled out of competition by the fair superintendent if proof is not satisfactory. **“Owned”** is defined as being owned by the exhibitor or the persons who live at the exhibitor’s primary place of residence (includes partnerships). **“Managed”** is defined as having an approved Portage County Managerial Agreement on file in the 4-H office at least three months prior to the date of the fair for the animal(s) specified on the agreement.

DAIRY QUIZ BOWL

The 2018 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl will be held on February 3, 2018 on UW-Madison’s campus in the Sewell Social Sciences Building. More info to come!



Portage County

2018 MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

(Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, Cats, Alpacas)

Due no later than April 13, 2018.

Name _____ Grade as of September, 2017 _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name of 4-H Club/FFA Organization _____

Description of animal(s) you plan to manage (be specific i.e., breed, age, etc.) _____

Name and address of owner _____

Location where animal(s) will be housed _____

Date Managerial Agreement will begin _____

Note: Animal(s) **must** be managed for at least 3 months prior to the date of the fair in order for you to be eligible to exhibit them at the fair.

Describe your involvement in the management of the above animal(s). Please include what you will be doing and how often you will do it. (Be specific i.e., 3 days/wk)

Feeding: _____

Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens): _____

Health Maintenance: Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc. _____

Preparing animal(s) for show: Describe who will be training and fitting animal(s). _____

Any other responsibilities you have which involve the above animal(s). _____

Do you plan to exhibit animal(s) at the Amherst Fair, Rosholt Fair or at both fairs? _____

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor _____

I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:

Member's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Owner's Signature _____

All Managerial Agreements are subject to review by the Portage County 4-H Leaders Board.

Mail completed Managerial Agreement to: **Connie Creighton**
Portage County UW-Extension
1462 Strongs Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

SMALL ANIMAL SCIENCE



4-H CLUBS, FFA CHAPTERS, SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBERS - WE NEED YOU!

We have seen significant growth in the Rabbit, Poultry and Turkey projects in the past 2 years and now need to purchase **additional cages** for the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs. We had record numbers in poultry and rabbits this past year, and our current supply of cages no longer satisfies our needs. Also, turkeys will **NO LONGER** be housed in the pig barn in Amherst and cannot use the pig stalls as in previous years. We have come up with a solution to house the turkeys, but need funds to purchase **collapsible custom cages**.

As the holidays approach, what a great way to support your child's interest in these projects by sponsoring a cage. We are also looking for other benefactors to help support our growth in these projects! Our wish list is:

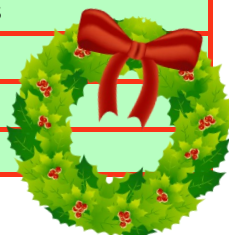
25 Turkey cages — \$50 per sponsorship

50 Rabbit and Chicken cages — \$40 per sponsorship

Our goal is to receive all donations by January 31, 2018. This will provide enough time to place the cage order and receive the cages prior to Amherst Fair. Sponsors will receive recognition and advertising for their donations. Checks can be made out to the Portage County Leaders Association. Please indicate on the check what cage you would like to sponsor. We appreciate your consideration, as these projects continue to grow. Any questions, please contact Michelle Waltenberg at 715-824-6270.

Don't forget about your furred and feathered projects this winter! As part of our ongoing dedication and commitment to the small animal project, we would like to suggest some excellent holiday gifts for your children. Now is a great time to go through your child's grooming/fair box and see what needs to be replenished or replaced. If you would like some tips on where you can find some of these items, feel free to contact Michelle Waltenberg at 715-824-6270!

Bear Herndon, Ciara Waltenberg and Annika Waltenberg at the 4-H rabbit fun show in West Bend 11/11/17. They all placed very well in a very hard rabbit county. Only the top 3 were placed. Annika received 2nd place and Bear and Ciara both received 3rd places in their respective classes.
Great job!



CHICKENS	RABBITS
White Lab Coat (for a show jacket)	White Lab Coat (for a show jacket)
Poultry Harness and Leash	Shedding Brushes
Incubator	Water Bottles and Food Dishes
Heating Lamp	Hay Cubes
Poultry Show Shampoo	Rabbit Yoghurt Bites
Vet RX	Grooming Table
Nail Clippers	Transport Cages
Water Cups and Food Dishes	Waterless Shampoo
Mealworms	Nail Clippers
Cracked Corn	American Rabbit Breeders Standard (2016)
Feather Fixer Feed	Rabbit Food Supplements
Transport Cages	Rabbit Harness and Leash
Poultry Standard of Perfection Book (2016)	
Other Poultry Health Books	



Application Deadline for All Trips and Awards: December 21, 2017

The application counts for 50% of your total score.

The interview counts for the remainder of your score.

Ready to apply? Download the application from <http://portage.uwex.edu>. They are available in PDF or Word Document format.

Handwritten applications are also accepted. Call 715-346-1462 to request a paper application or if you have questions.

WISCONSIN 4-H AND YOUTH CONFERENCE - MADISON

Date: June 25-28, 2018

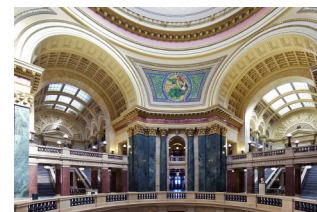
Ages: Gr 7-10 at time of selection

Your Cost: Approximately \$100

Max Number: 5 delegates

Application Due: December 21, 2017

Interview Date: January 9, 2018



Approximately 600 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS - WASHINGTON D.C.

Date: 8 days in June & July, 2018

Ages: Gr 10-12 (at least 15 years old during trip; at least 2 years in 4-H & at least 1 year in Youth Leadership project)

Your Cost: Approximately \$350

Max Number: 2 delegates

Application Due: December 21, 2017

Interview Date: January 9, 2018



Approximately 200 Wisconsin 4-H Youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS - WASHINGTON D.C.

Date: July 15-20, 2018 (including travel dates)

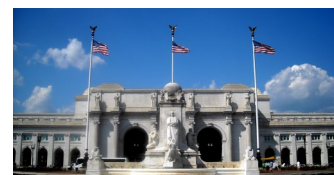
Ages: Gr 6-8 at time of selection

Your Cost: Approximately \$350

Max Number: 2 delegates

Application Due: December 21, 2017

Interview Date: January 9, 2018



For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in the high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus. The Leadership Washington Focus program was then introduced as its precursor for middle school 4-H'ers. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border. Participants will be immersed in the culture and history of our nation through on-site workshops at D.C.'s most spectacular sights!

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Date: November 23-27, 2018

Ages: Gr 10-12 (max age of 18 as of January 1, 2017; at least 3 years in 4-H)

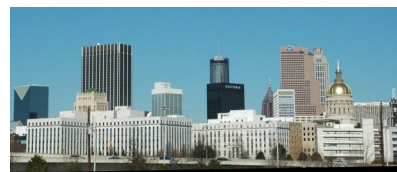
Your Cost: Approximately \$350

Max Number: 2 delegates

Application Due: December 21, 2017

Interview Date: January 9, 2018

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Seminars range from ethics topics, career planning and organization to diversity, character and success. Hands-on experiences such as community service and cultural activities.



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE- WASHINGTON D.C.

Date: April 2019

Ages: Gr 10-12 during program (minimum age of 15 and maximum age of 18 as of January 1, 2017)

Your Cost: Approximately \$350

Max Number: 2 delegates

Application Due: December 21, 2017

Interview Date: January 9, 2018

Each county in the state can nominate two candidates *to be considered* for the National 4-H Conference. In the fall of 2017, candidates will receive the state application to fill out for travel in 2018 if selected as one of the 6 state delegates. The state will review all of the applications and select only 6 delegates to represent the state of Wisconsin. Each participant selects an issue (i.e., education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the county to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring.



4-H AMBASSADOR



The Ambassador term will start in March. Ambassadors will serve an active term of one year but will also be an associate member of Ambassadors for the duration of their 4-H membership.

Requirements: Must be in 6th grade or higher; must exhibit leadership ability and potential; must exhibit personal appearance and poise; must exhibit knowledge of 4-H.

When: 4-H Ambassadors serve a one-year term beginning in March. They will be recognized in October at the end of their career at the 4-H Leaders Banquet.

Maximum Number: Up to 4 Ambassadors are chosen.

Duties: Present the 4-H story at community activities and events and promote 4-H.

Responsibilities: Hand out ribbons and trophies at the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs; participate in the Amherst and Rosholt Fair parades; make presentations to groups (we will train you); presentation of flags and pledges at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet and Award program; help with the 4-H Awards Program; be available to represent 4-H at other events during the year.



WISCONSIN KEY AWARD



Requirements: Must be in at least 10th grade of the current year, have at least 3 years' experience in 4-H and 1 year of enrollment in the Youth Leadership project.

Maximum Number: Up to 3 recipients. This is the highest state 4-H award offered. It is based on all 4-H work done by the member since joining 4-H, including youth leadership.



LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARD



Requirements: Must be in at least 11th grade, and exhibit leadership ability and potential.

Maximum Number: Up to 2 recipients. Recognizes character, balanced personal development, and excellence in leadership.

Teens Grade 9 & Up! It Isn't Too Early To Consider Being a Summer Camp Counselor!

Please consider applying to be a counselor for Intermediate or Junior Camp.

All applications are needed by March 1!

Camp Counselor Training with free lunch will be held **Saturday, April 14.**

Location Option 1: Waupaca Courthouse, Room 1037 (811 Harding Street, Waupaca)

Location Option 2: Lincoln County Service Center (801 N Sales Street, Merrill)

Apply online at <https://tinyurl.com/PortageCamp>

Junior Camp, Grades 2-4

June 8 - 9

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,
Amherst Junction

Interm. Camp, Grades 5-8

June 13 - 15

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

CAMP COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up

Camp counselors serve at either Junior or Intermediate Camp. The position is open to any 4-H teen in grade 9 or older. Former experience as a 4-H camper is great, but not required.

CABIN COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up
Past Camper Experience Preferred

Cabin counselors serve at either Junior or Intermediate Camp. Cabin counselors must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They should have experience as a 4-H camper.

JUNIOR CAMP DIRECTOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 10 and up
Past Counselor Experience

Camp directors at Junior Camp must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors with the assistance of one other director. They should have experience as a 4-H camp counselor.

INTERMEDIATE RESOURCE COUNSELOR

REQUIREMENTS: Grade 9 and up
Past Camper Experience Preferred

Resource counselors at Intermediate Camp must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. Experience as a camper is essential. Must be able to lead group activities (arts & crafts, nature activities, or games and recreation). They serve as counselors for about eight 4-H members.

ADULT CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED FOR CAMP! We need 1 adult chaperone for every 10 campers. If you are interested, please contact the Extension office (715-346-1462).
Camper applications will be in a future newsletter.



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Portage County 4-H Leaders Board - September, 2017

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting of 9-18-17 was called to order at 7:03 pm by Michelle Waltenberg. Pledges were recited and roll call taken. **PRESENT:** Lara Pagel, Debra Helbach, Karen Jastromski (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Jan Miller, Rose Ross (Rosholt Pioneers), Mackenzie Karaliunas (Carson Climbers), Paula Kropidowski, Ryan Nelson (County-Wide), Michelle Waltenberg, Kathy Glodowski (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Lynette Wolosek, Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers). **MINUTES:** Accepted as amended. **OFFICER REPORTS. Treasurer's Report:** Checking - \$14,310.56, Savings - \$148.51 **Secretary's Report:** Thank-you from Carissa Czerneski for a Pinkerton-Burns-Noble scholarship. **OLD BUSINESS: Rosholt Fair:** A Youth Exhibit Committee meeting will be held in early October to discuss any concerns. **Plat Books:** Jan reported that all monies are in. \$22,525 for ads (\$11,675 more than in 2014). Printing costs are \$15,000. Discussion followed. The county's budgeted support for the 4-H Leaders Association is being eliminated in 2018 (\$1,100 per year). Motion to increase the plat book price to \$40. Passed. Motion to sell old books for \$20. Passed. **Financial Report & Club Charter:** Due October 1st to Extension Office. **Reminder of the Mandatory Reporter Training:** Thursday, November 2, 5:30 – 7:30 "STEMming into Animal Science." Thursday, December 7, 5:30 – 7:30 "Helping 4-Hers Grow in Life & Work." **4-H Re-Enrollment:** 4-H Re-Enrollments due November 15. **Fall Forum:** Michelle, Jesse & Annika Waltenberg, and possible 2 members from the Casimer Boosters, plan to attend. **Other:** State Fair Reimbursement Policy. Handouts were distributed by Jan. Discussion followed. Motion to delete sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d), 3, and 5 from the State Fair Events Policy. **Amherst Fair:** Nacho cheese dispenser was broke before it was used. It cost \$165. **NEW BUSINESS: Board Members:** President – Michelle Waltenberg; Vice President – Paula Kropidowski; Secretary – Marilyn Pederson; Treasurer – Jan Miller; Directors – Kathy Glodowski, Agnes Mallek, Karen Jastromski, Candice Wolosek, Rose Ross, Debra Helbach, Betty Pionek. **Volunteer of the Year:** Jan Miller **Friend of 4-H:** Dr. Barb Kasprovicz **4-H Alumni:** Candice Wolosek **Record Book Committee:** Michelle, Kathy, Candice, and Rose (time to be determined). Discussion: not enough record books come in. Consider redoing record book sheets. **Teen Trip Delegation:** See newsletter for information. **Amherst Food Stand:** \$1,745.72 income. Good year. **Leaders Banquet:** November 10, County Annex. Same price as last year (\$11.25 + \$1.00 beverage). Approximately 75 attendees. **Awards Program:** November 12, Jensen Center. **OTHER: Dues:** Discussion – consider raising fee (currently \$6.00 with Horse Fee an extra \$4.00). Motion to raise dues to \$8.00. Passed. **Dog Show:** Paula reported. Noted that buzzer for quiz bowl would not work. **AGENT REPORT:** N/A (Connie is ill). **ADJOURNED:** 8:55 pm. Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary

Portage County 4-H Leaders Association - October, 2017

The Portage County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Meeting of 10-16-17 was called to order at 7:03 pm by Michelle Waltenberg. Pledges were recited and roll call taken. **PRESENT:** Agnes Mallek (Junction City Golden Stars), Debra Helbach (Tomorrow River Voyagers), Betty Pionek (Casimer Boosters), Candice Wolosek (Plover Clovers), Kathy Glodowski, Michelle Waltenberg (Nelsonville Zippy Zees), Connie Creighton (UW-Extension), Jan Miller (Rosholt Pioneers), Marilyn Pederson (Carson Climbers). **MINUTES:** Approved as submitted **OFFICER REPORTS: Treasurer's report and approval of bills:** Checking - \$8,153.56; Saving Account - \$148.53 **Secretary's report and correspondence:** Carson Climbers Club had a display at Kennedy School **OLD BUSINESS: 4-H Fall Forum, November 3-5, Green Lake:** Michelle, Jesse, & Annika Waltenberg registered to attend. **4HOnline Enrollments:** Re-enrollments due November 15 **IRS Reporting and Club Charters:** Going well. Brenda Fletcher will audit Leaders Board's books. **Leaders Banquet, November 10:** Decorations and table cloths still needed. **Awards Program, November 12:** Committee met October 5th and organized – the teen leaders want less door prizes but a higher quality. They will help pay for them. Michelle W. will try to get them donated. **Plat Books:** They have arrived. 600 sold so far. We will advertise the books in *Our Community Spirit*, the *Rosholt Record*, the *Portage County Gazette* and the *Stevens Point City Times*. Motion to budget up to \$100 to advertise in November. **Other:** Record Books **Discussion:** Try to implement more record book people in committee to review record sheet. Question was asked: "Can there be compensation for working on record books?" Youth need to fill out a youth leadership record page to be considered for most of the leadership awards. 4-H members need more time to fill out their books. Creighton commented that the books needs to be in the 4-H office by Oct. 1st **NEW BUSINESS: Mandatory Charter Trainings** – being held November 2 and December 7th 5:30 to 7:30 in the Annex. Each club and chartered group needs to send at least 1 member. **Teen Trips & Awards:** see Newsletter for details. Trip projection sheet due to state 4-H office December 1st for 2018. Will keep numbers the same as 2017. Space Camp is first-come first-serve for registration. Creighton is moving up interview date up to accomplish this. **Teen Trick or Treat:** October 31. See Newsletter for details. Candice Wolosek is chaperoning and organizing event. **Expansion & Review Committee:** Before November Meeting, 6:30 – 7:15 PM – USDA Civil Rights audit found 4-H Clubs are lacking in diversity state-wide. Will discuss at meeting in Nov. **Showmanship Classes at Fairs:** motion to table discussion at this time approved. **December Meeting Cancelled. Robotics Program:** Being held October 17th. Remind club members about project. 5th grade and up is preferable. **Newsletter Format:** Due to Post Office rules we will be unable to carry certain for-profit groups' events. Will work with emailing those events out. **Other:** Jan presented us each a handout sheet with info pertaining to the Portage County C.D's. After a discussion, a motion was made to add \$3,000 from checking account to a CD that matures 10/19/17 to increase the value of CDs. This will get us better return on our money. – Approved. **AGENT REPORT:** Presented new MAQA program called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) coming from the 4-H state office. This is for Beef, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Rabbits, and Poultry. The program cost is \$3 in person and \$12 if done online. State Fair animals and poultry are required to take YQCA this year. Might have to require for all animal exhibitors next year. Reminder about the October 21st Rosholt Fair Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Reminder about the November 27 Officer Training & December 5th New Leader Training. Next Meeting Date – February 19, 2018 **ADJOURNED:** 8:55 PM. Yours in 4-H, Marilyn Pederson, Secretary



Casimer Boosters Club Minutes - October 9, 2017

Meeting was called to order on October 9, 2017 at 6:33 PM. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. Then both the secretary and the treasurers reports were given and each were accepted. We then moved onto old business which was planning out going to the corn maze and re-enrollments. We talked about 4-H Promotion week/month and then moved on to new business. For new business we had elected new club officers which was pretty fun, we talked about club charter/club goals, a November activity which we picked to do Clay Corners, and we talked about going to the nursing home sometime in December. We sung Happy Birthday to the club members born in October and then played the candy jar guessing game. Meeting was then adjourned. Next meeting is on November 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

---Maia Zalewski

Casimer Boosters Club Report - October 9, 2017

We started the meeting with pledges and reports. We went right on to Old Business which started with the plans for the corn maze which was to be held at the Trzebiatowski Corn Maze on BB. Next was re-enrollments which are due. Pat (a leader) reminded everyone to change their grade level if they're going into new project levels.

Then we moved on to New business which started with Election day. We decided the new officers for this year (I'm the reporter still). Next was setting a new goal for the club which we brainstormed many ideas for. Then we wanted to do a November activity so we thought of going to Clay Corners and other ideas for that occasion. The last thing for new business was a nursing home visit sometime this year. The last thing on the list was upcoming events which were: Animal meetings, teen leader meeting, 4-H Award Ceremony on Nov 13th, and space camp applications that are due Nov 4th.

To wrap up the meeting, we welcomed three new members and went over our October birthdays. Andrea gave a talk about New Orleans.

---Lucy Gwidt

Casimer Boosters Club Minutes - November 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order on Nov 13th at 6:33 PM by President Grace Z. Pledges were said and roll call was taken. Next, the secretary and treasurers reports were given, both of which were accepted by the members.

We then moved on to talk about old business. For old business we had the corn maze. All the members that attended the activity really enjoyed it. Then we talked about re-enrollments which are due on Nov 15th. We then talked a lot about trick-or-treating for Operation Bootstrap. We also talked about the 4-H Award Ceremony and the members that attended liked it and many of our club members received awards.

For new business we decided on going to the nursing home to play bingo with the elderly in February rather than January, We were talking and discussing a date for bell ringing and are thinking Dec 4th as the date with Politos afterwards. Next we talked about how our holidays party is on Dec 3 at noon, we will have a gift exchange in which each gift has a price limit of \$5. There's also a donation for a food basket and we are thanking that each member should donate \$2. We also have the potluck sign up for food, drinks, plates & whatnot. Lastly for new business is the charter mandatory county meeting that someone from the club should go to. We then sang Happy Birthday to club members born in November. We did the recreation leader's game, then did the candy jar guessing game. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM. Next meeting is a potluck on Dec 3.

---Maia Zalewski

Casimer Boosters Club Report - November 13, 2017

We started our meeting off with pledges and roll call, then we got right to it with old business. First was the corn maze on October 21st. The participants said it took about 1 hour and 36 minutes! Re-enrollments were due November 15th. 4-H promotion for 4-H Club week was back in October. Also in October was trick-or-treating for Operation Bootstrap, but no one went from our club. The 4-H Leader Appreciation Ceremony was held on November 10th and we had many recognized leaders. Julie Zsido and Denise Napiwocki for 5 years, Elroy Ziolkowski for 20 years, and Robert Danczyk for 30 years. Last was the 4-H Award Ceremony which many members received awards in.

We moved onto new business. We are planning a nursing home visit perhaps around Valentine's Day so we could do a craft for it. We are also planning to ring bells for Salvation Army on December 4th. We will have a holiday party on December 3rd at noon. At the holiday party there will be a gift exchange, potluck, installation of new officers, and a donation for a food basket for a family. Last but not least for new business is the charter mandatory county meeting on December 7th. We need someone from our club to attend. Then we went over some upcoming dates which are: club officer training on November 27th, new volunteer training on December 5th, deadline to register for winter camp on December 8th, deadline to sign up for market animal project on December 15th, and teen trips and award applications due on December 21st. We ended the meeting by singing Happy Birthday to Pat Mrozinski who is a leader. After the meeting, we made cards for a boy who is dying of cancer. His motto is "be cool like a penguin" so we based the cards off of that theme.

---Lucy Gwidt



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