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Statewide Horse PDC Webinar

There will be a state-wide Horse PDC webinar on Monday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:00 pm. Isanti County will be presenting it in the Isanti County Government Center. It is for all 4-H adult and youth leaders involved in the horse project.

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Executive Board Membership

Youth:

- Megan Lucas – President
- Sam Collins – Vice President
- Paige Holt – Treasurer
- Rose Hermanson – Board Member
- Open Position - Secretary

Adults:

- Renee Gemmill – Vice President Mentor
- Paul Anderson – President Mentor
- Robbin Cole – Secretary Mentor
- Jackie Voight – Adult Treasurer
- Steve Kruse – Board Member

Feel free to contact any of the Executive Board members with suggestions or ideas for improvement. These members are your voice on the Executive Board and represent you!

General Project Bowl

It's that time of year for the fun and excitement of project bowl. Modeled after a television game show; project bowl is a fun way to learn more about the livestock projects. The general livestock bowl team is now forming and will begin practice very soon. Contact the Extension office for more information or to join.

Horse Bowl

Horse Bowl practice is held at Cambridge-Isanti High School in room 144 on Monday from 7-8 pm. Practice will begin on Monday, December 3rd and continue through March 25th.

Want to learn more about horses? Join us to see how this team competition works,have fun and learn about horses! Quiz bowl competition for this region will be held in March. If you would like more information, please contact Sue Hancock.

Horse Project Meeting

The next Horse Project meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11th at the Cambridge-Isanti High School in room 144 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend!

E-Board Meeting

The Isanti County 4-H Executive Board will be meeting on Thursday, December 13th at Cambridge-Isanti High School room 156. Remember all 4-H families are welcome to join us for the E-Board meetings. The Executive Board discusses the business of Isanti County 4-H and provides leadership to the program. While Executive Board meetings are open to all 4-H families only your elected representatives cast votes during Executive Board meetings. To stay up-to-date feel free to talk to your representatives!

Ambassador Meeting

The December Ambassador meeting has been cancelled and instead we will be having an overnight holiday party at Long Lake Lutheran Church. The overnight will be on December 28th-29th from 6:30 pm until 9:30 am. Be sure to remember to bring $5 for pizza and snacks to share. Also, please let Amanda know if you are able or are unable to attend.

Goat Project Meeting

Mark your calendars for the next Goat Project planning meeting. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 pm. More details to come!

Minnesota 4-H State Horse Winter Roundup

You won't want to miss this fun opportunity to learn more about the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project activities available to 4-H youth. Winter Roundup January 25-27, 2013 at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer. Full conference fee includes three days and two nights of learning, sharing information, and having fun! Conference fees will be supplemented again this year by the Minnesota 4-H Horse Association.

Sessions on Horse Project areas will be geared toward new 4-H parents/leaders, veteran leaders, and **junior youth leaders**. Older youth (**8th grade & above**) may attend, however this will be intense leader training with very few recreational activities provided.

- Registrations postmarked by January 7, 2013 $60.00
- Registrations postmarked January 8th-14th, 2013 $80.00
- Any one day same as full fee
- Registrations will not be accepted if postmarked after January 14th **

Please call or e-mail Carol at 763-464-4427 or wru4h@yahoo.com with any questions about fees and /or deadlines.

During your Friday through Sunday stay you will be provided: Friday evening pizza party, 5 meals, 2 nights stay, lots of information on the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project, great info and ideas from our keynote Speaker, a chance to meet new friends, and **FUN**!

Don't wait! First come, first served! Complete the registration form and mail it back. For more information, contact co- chairs Carol Dobbelaire atwru4h@yahoo.com or Nan Wellnitz at wild.4hair@yahoo.com or youth chairs Alex Schonnesen or Samantha Stahnke. Registration deadline: January 14, 2013

Clover Family Café

The Clover Family Café Committee is looking forward to another great year in 2013! We are currently looking to recruit an adult volunteer supervisor to help in the café with shift transitions, working with volunteers, confirming volunteer shifts and arranging shift sign ups. All skill levels and interests are invited to apply. We are also looking for a volunteer to help with seasonal maintenance such as turning on and off water seasonally, winterization, and other small jobs that might arise. Both of these positions are very important to a well run café. We hope you will consider helping! Please contact Amanda Swenson in the Isanti County Extension Office for more information on the positions.

We would like to also invite you to join the committee or lend your voice to the decisions of the CFC. The next Clover Family Café meeting will be on Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 pm at Don Fiedler Companies in Cambridge (near Anytime Fitness).

Looking to try an exciting project...well look no further, the sheep project wants you!!!

To help you get started the Isanti County Sheep Project Development Committee will present two $75.00 scholarships to help with the purchase of a ewe or wether lamb. To apply:

1) You must be a first time sheep project member
2) You must be enrolled in Isanti County 4-H and the sheep project by January 15, 2013
3) You must show the lamb at the 2013 Isanti County 4-H Sheep Show

Applications should be in essay format and include:

- name, age, club, contact number
- how and where you would care for the lamb
- a summary of your interest in the sheep project and why you should be selected for a scholarship

- Cloverbud members not eligible
- Deadline for application is January 31, 2013
- Submit applications to: Isanti County Extension Office, Attn: Sheep project development committee
- Scholarship winners will be notified by February 15, 2013
- Scholarship funds will be dispersed after proof of purchase of lamb

PICCKMW Camp Counselors

The applications for PICCKMW Camp Counselors are now available. If you are in 9th grade or higher you are eligible to apply for this fun filled leadership opportunity. This year camp will be held June 24-26, 2013 at St. Croix State Park. There are monthly meetings and two overnights as part of the camp commitment. The applications are always due January 31st. The first camp counselor overnight will be held on Feb 15-16.

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Winter is now upon us! Reminder that 4-H events will be cancelled if any of the following conditions are met:

- Schools are closed for the day or close early
- Temperatures are at least -30F and/or the wind chill is -50F
- If travel is not advised
- If in doubt listen to KBEK 95.5 for cancellations

Remember that safety is our top concern! Always lean to the side of more caution when in doubt.

Dear 4-H families and volunteers:

This time of year, we find ourselves taking time to reflect and give thanks for the wonderful things in our lives. As the Minnesota State 4-H Director, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the 4-H program in Minnesota. Without the support and contributions of volunteers, partners and families, youth would not have the opportunity to explore their passions in 4-H, whether to find out what it's like to design, program and build a robot or raise and care for a horse or sing and dance in a musical.

Research shows that these learn-by-doing opportunities for youth – where they decide what they want to learn about and how – are critical for their positive development. And this type of learning only happens in youth programs like 4-H.

Your support helps 4-H equip youth with the skills to learn, lead and succeed in school, college, careers and communities today and in the future.

Sincerely, Dorothy M Freeman

Re-enroll by January 15

Don't miss out! 4-H youth and volunteers need to re-enroll by January 15. Re-enrollment remains open after January 15, but the longer you wait, the more you miss out on, including critical communications.

The re-enrollment task should be significantly shorter this year because previously entered information will carry over into the new 4-H year. However, it is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT that families review and update enrollment

information, especially health and emergency contact information. If you have forgotten your password, you can request to have it sent to you at the main login screen at mn.4honline.com.

New (first time) 4-H youth members can enroll online using the link above, but must mail a signed copy of the Authorization Statements to Extension staff. The Authorization Statement document can be downloaded from www.4-h.umn.edu/policies/4H-member-authorization-form.pdf and mailed to your county or regional office at www.extension.umn.edu/about/offices. You will find "Quick Start" and "Detailed Instructions" links on the login page to guide you through the enrollment process.

New (first time) 4-H Adult Volunteers must complete the three step 4-H Volunteer Screening process in order to serve as a 4-H volunteer. Instructions and forms are available at www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/#application. Screening is a separate process from enrolling. Complete information and support resources can be found online at www.4-h.umn.edu/4honline.

4-H Clovermart Holiday Sale

This is a limited time offer for all 4-H Clothing and Novelty items you might have missed the opportunity to buy during the State Fair! This sale will only last through December 13, 2012. Please visit the link below to see all items available for purchase, to download the order form and to receive more information! sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/4hclovermartholidaysale/

For additional information or questions, please contact: Laura Leibfried at leib0060@umn.edu OR Kelsey Glaess at glaes042@umn.edu OR call 612-626-3726.

Building Leadership and Understanding – BLU

The State 4-H Ambassadors offer BLU, an exciting and fun leadership adventure that brings together over 500 youth from across the State of Minnesota in an overnight leadership workshop. Each retreat uses hands-on activities to help youth learn and practice valuable skills that they take back with them to their counties and communities, and will use throughout their lives.

Youth grades 6-13 are invited to participate; non-4-H members are welcome too. Choose the BLU location near you:

- **Minneapolis North**, Crown Plaza; Saturday, ***February 2-3, 2013***
- **Mankato,** AmericInn, ***February 9-10, 2013***
- **Bemidji**, Hampton Inn & Suites, ***March 2-3, 2013***

The cost is $80 for all participants and chaperones. This covers all meals, lodging, activities, and supplies. A BLU retreat t-shirt is available for an additional $12 if ordered at the time of registration. A late fee of $20 per person will be added for registrations received after the deadline.

Chaperones will be needed! Please call the Extension Office if you are interested. Regions and/or counties must provide their own adults-in-charge and transportation to BLU. Adults must be 21 or older and be a screened 4-H volunteer.

Registration is due to the county Extension office by ***January 7, 2013***. The registration form is available online at www.4-h.umn.edu/county/isanti. Click on 4-H in Isanti County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at www.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu. Please contact your county Extension office or Kim Thompson, Center for Youth Development at thomp037@umn.edu or 612-624-7774 with any questions.

2013 Project Bowls

Project Bowls are just around the corner! It is that time of year again when project bowl teams will begin practicing for the Regional Contests in March. There are opportunities for teams to form in dairy, dog, general livestock, horse, poultry, rabbit and wildlife. Two team contests are held - Junior (grades 3-8) and Senior (grades 4-12+). Check out the 4-H Project Bowl website at: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/project-bowl for rules, resources, and more information for the 2013 bowls. If you would like to coach, help coach or participate on any of these teams, please call your Extension office. Regional Bowl dates and locations are:

- ***March 2*** – Foley
- ***March 9*** – Farmington
- ***March 16*** – Grand Rapids
- ***March 16*** – Redwood Falls
- ***March 23*** – Snow Date
- ***April 20*** – State Bowl (Foley)

Reminder: M4-HAVA Forum

The Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association reminds you to consider attending the 2013 M4-HAVA Forum which will be held at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on ***February 14-16***. Exciting and educational workshops have been planned, as well as opportunities for you to get together with other 4-H volunteers from around the state to share ideas, learn new skills, develop and renew friendships, and have a lot of fun.

Forum registration includes meals and all sessions. "Early bird" registrations received by ***January 15*** are just $85 for M4-HAVA members and $120 for non-members. Registration received ***January 16-31*** is $130 for M4-HAVA members and $165 for non-members. One-day registration is also available. Note: Membership is just $10/year per person or $15 per couple (S/L/B/G/T/Q), so you'll want to join M4-HAVA before or while registering for the forum. Youth 9th grade and above register as an adult, while youth K-8 will register for "Kids Path" for just $65 per youth.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the St. Cloud Kelly Inn at 320-253-0606. Mention that you are with 4-H to obtain the special event rate.

More information about this event, including session titles and descriptions, is available at the M4-HAVA website at www.m4-hava.org (Click on "upcoming events"). See YOU at the forum!

Citizenship Washington Focus

CWF is a citizen and leadership event for high school youth from across the United States. Youth learn about government, the legislative process, meet with elected officials and visit many national monuments and historical sites in Washington D.C.

- ***June 30 - July 6, 2013*** (Does not include travel dates) – National 4-H Conference Center, Washington D.C.
- Be sure to check out any County specific requirements and deadlines.

More information can be found at the following website at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Make It with Wool Contest, Mankato – Dec. 1
- Statewide Horse PDC Webinar – Dec. 3
- Horse Bowl Practice Starts – Dec. 3
- Ambassador Meeting – Dec. 4
- PICCKM Wildlife Retreat – Dec. 7-8

- Horse Project Meeting – Dec. 11
- Executive Board Meeting – Dec. 13
- Office Closed – Christmas – Dec. 24-25
- Office Closed – New Year's Day – Jan. 1
- BLU Registration Due – Jan. 7
- Ambassador Meeting – Jan. 8
- Executive Board Meeting – Jan. 10
- Goat Project Meeting – Jan. 15
- M4-HAVA Registration Due – Jan. 15
- 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline – Jan. 15
- Clover Family Café Meeting – Jan. 17
- Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day – Jan. 21
- Horse Winter Roundup – Jan 25-27
- Camp Counselor Applications Due – Jan. 31
- BLU, North Minneapolis – Feb. 2-3
- BLU, Mankato – Feb. 9-10
- M4-HAVA Forum, St. Cloud – Feb. 14-16
- Project Bowl, Foley – March 2
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3
- Project Bowl, Farmington – March 9
- Project Bowl, Grand Rapids– March 16
- Project Bowl, Redwood Falls – March 16
- Project Bowl, Snow Date – March 23
- State Project Bowl, Foley – April 20