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Summer Assistant

Isanti County 4-H is currently looking for a summer assistant. The summer assistant works with a wide variety of tasks and will work with many aspects of the county fair. If you are interested in applying for the summer assistant position please contact the Extension Office for an application.

Ambassadors Meeting

There will be an Ambassador Meeting on May 1st. The meeting will be held at the Clover Family Café at 6:30 pm. Please be sure to let Amanda know if you will not be able to attend.

Dog Training

Dog Training will be begin on May 3rd at the Fairgrounds. Dog training will be every Thursday (with the exception of the 3rd week in June). Agility training will be from 5-6 pm, Beginners training will be from 6-7 pm, Junior Showmanship will be from 7-8 pm, and Advanced will start at 8:00 pm. Be sure to bring your paperwork including proof of vaccinations to the first training. Also the first night of training there will be equipment available for purchase if needed.

Youth Leader Dodge Ball

- Saturday, May 5
- 1-5 pm
- Hinckley Community Center

Youth leaders are invited to a fun afternoon of Dodge Ball hosted by Pine County Ambassadors. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and please bring an ice cream topping to share (Pine County will provide the ice cream and paper products). We also ask that you bring at least one hygiene and/or paper good for the food shelf (i.e. toilet paper, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, etc.).

Sheep Weigh-In

The sheep weigh–in is schedule for May 5th at the Isanti County Fairgrounds from 9:00 am until 10:00 am. All 4-H'ers who are thinking about exhibiting their sheep at the County Fair MUST have their animals weighed and tagged with a 4-H ear tag. If you plan to attend weigh-in please contact the Extension Office so we have a list of who is planning to bring animals.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will begin on May 7th, out at the Isanti Sportsman Club beginning at 6:00 pm. There is a fee of $10 per youth or $20 per family with additional fees for various disciplines. Keep an eye out for more information to come soon. If you have any questions please call the office or John Lorenzen at 763-444-5524.

Horse Project Meeting

There will be a horse project meeting at the fairgrounds on May 8th at 7:00 pm. We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND. There will be people there to help you fill out your Horse Affidavits (IDs) and to help answer any questions that you may have.

Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 pm at the Clover Family Café. Remember that all members and families are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have specific ideas or concerns please contact your Executive Board representative.

Youth:

- Megan Lucas
- Alex Cain
- Cydnie Engblom
- Rose Hermanson
- Kimmy Quale

Adult:

- Joan Lenzmeier
- Steve Kruse
- MaryLynn Koski
- Jackie Voight
- Renee Gemmill

Isanti County Horse

The Horse project is getting into full swing this time of year with lots of activities planned! Be sure to keep up to date on all of the various activities from Drill Team, Western Heritage, Clinics, Camp and more on the Isanti County 4-H Horse website at www.isanti4hhorse.com.

Walk/Trot Show

The Isanti County 4H Horse group is organizing an all walk trot, pleasure/game show on May 13th at the fairgrounds. This show will be under the Mid State Saddle club's name only (for insurance purposes). The profits from this show will be given to the 4-H horse project who will donate the money to the fair board for the building of the new announcers stand. This is our last fundraising project to help cover expenses for the new building, the Mid State Saddle club members will not be at this show to work, as it being all proceeds will be going to 4H. Anyone who is signed up in the horse project and is willing to help can call Laurie Schommer @ 763-444-6085, there is a scheduled work sheet sign up form and there is lots of empty spots left to fill. If you do not get on this sign up form and can help the day of the show, please know all help will be appreciated and will not be turned away. Also this is a great opportunity for any youth or adults (the show is open to all ages) to get out and get some experience on yourself and your horse. The show bill can be found at www.isanti4hhorse.com

Dues

Family dues for the 2011-2012 4-H year are once again $20. Please be sure to have your dues paid by Tuesday, May 15th. No member will be denied membership to Isanti County 4-H due to the inability to pay **but** they **must submit the dues form by May 15th** in order to be eligible for county scholarships, special awards, and State Fair. If you have questions, concerns or need a form please contact the Extension Office.

May 15 Animal ID's Deadline Reminder

4-H families are reminded that certain livestock ownership and identification requirements must be met, and that *May 15th* is the deadline for submitting animal identification forms for most species. For more information on the animal ID process, please visit: http://z.umn.edu/animalaffidavits

Clover Family Café Meeting

The Clover Family Café meeting will be on May 17th at 6:30 pm at the Clover Family Café. They will be getting ready for the car show during Memorial Day weekend.

The Clover Family Café is still taking applications to fill an Assistant Manager Position. If you are interested in the position please contact the Extension Office ASAP for more information and an application.

4-H Animal Science Expo

The Carlton County 4-H Animal Science Committee has been busy planning the 4-H Animal Science Expo for Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 at the Carlton County Fairgrounds. All 4-H members and families are invited to attend as well as non-4-H guests who are interested in learning about raising animals.

The event will begin at 6:00 pm Friday evening in the 4-H building with a supper showcasing locally grown food and a presentation on "everything you need to know to tell the public why you raise animals" (also known as consumer education).

On Saturday we will begin at 8:45 am with breakout sessions to learn about dairy, beef, poultry, swine, goats, rabbits and sheep. Regional experts with judging expertise will be presenting hands-on workshops on care of animals, feeding and nutrition, management practices, common animal health concerns, selection of animals (what to look for), getting ready for fair, fitting and showing, and how to excel in showmanship at county fairs. A great opportunity to ask questions! Refreshments and lunch will be provided in the 4-H building and the event will end at 3:30 pm.

Pre-registration is required: Call the Carlton County Extension Office by May 11 to sign up (218-384-3511). The fee for 4-H members from other counties is $5 per person or $10 per family and the fee for non-4-H guests is $7.50 per person or $15 per family.

This event is sponsored by the Carlton County 4-H Animal Science Committee using proceeds from the 4-H Blue Ribbon Auction which are designated for animal science education programs.

Isanti County 4-H Poultry Committee - Poultry, Rabbit, Plant, & Equipment Sale

The Poultry Committee is sponsoring a poultry, rabbit, plant, & equipment sale on May 19 from 9 to noon at the Isanti County Fairgrounds poultry barn. Poultry offered for sale must be 5 months of age or older and have a negative pullorum certificate for a test conducted within 30 days prior to the sale and must be identified with a leg band; or come from a hatchery that has provided you with a statement of origin. Pullorum testing will be available on site for $1.00 per bird. Turkeys not originating from a hatchery that has provided you with a statement of origin require additional blood testing that CANNOT be done on site. Anyone wishing to sell chicks less than 5 months of age MUST have a Board of Animal Health issued hatchery permit (bring it with you) OR the statement of origin issued to you by the hatchery you received your birds from. There is a $5.00 entrance fee per seller. No out of state buyers will be allowed to purchase poultry or rabbits. All proceeds benefit the Isanti County 4-H Poultry Project. Contact Joan Lenzmeier at 612-599-1759 with questions.

Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics Training

Anyone planning on showing at the County Fair in beef, dairy, goat, poultry, swine, rabbit, lama/alpaca or sheep project areas **NEEDS** to take Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics Training! Once you have taken the training it is good for three fair seasons. Youth in grades 3-5 must take Level I. Youth in grades 9-12 must take Level II. Those in grades 6-8 may take either Level I or Level II. For specific explanation of the rules and requirements please talk to Amanda in the Extension office.

- June 5th – **Level I and II** – Pine County, please call 1-800-657-3813 to register
- *June 16th – **Level I and Level II** – Isanti County, 1-4 pm, please call 1-763-689-1810 to register

*** NOTE DATE CHANGE**

- June 21st – **Level I and Level II** – Carlton County, 5:30 pm, please call 1-218-384-3511 to register
- July 10th – **Level II** – Mille Lacs County, please call 1-888-680-8317 to register
- July 12th – **Level I** – Mille Lacs County, please call 1-888-680-8317 to register

Boot Camp

The 2012 horse boot camp will be held in Verndale MN on June 12th – 15th. This is a clinic with some of the top Trainers in Minnesota for both Pleasure and Games. This camp is open to 4-H youth only of all levels of showing, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Although there is no deadline for this event, spots are filling up very quickly, anyone still interested in attending can find the flyer and the entry form on horse web site at www.isanti4hhorse.com Questions about this boot camp can be answered by calling Laurie Schommer @ 763-444-6085

Register for Summer Camp

Have your child experience new adventures at summer camp! All youth completing grades fourth through eighth are invited to attend camp sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension 4-H program. Camp will be held June 18th-20th in the beautiful St.Croix State Park at the Norway Point group camp grounds (located east of Hinckley).

Youth will have a great time during outdoor fun, crafts, swimming, campfire, games and much more. Campers sleep in cabins with trained teen counselors supported by screened adults and University of Minnesota Staff.

The price of camp is $85.00 / child if registration is received by May 15th which includes a camp t-shirt. After May 15th the camp t-shirt is an additional charge of $10. All campers receive a photo memory CD filled with pictures from camp, which included in the price of camp. Families can also select to send their child to camp by bus for a small additional fee. The bus will be picking up and dropping off youth in Milaca, Mora, Rock Creek, and Hinckley.

Registration materials are available in the Extension office or register on-line at http://z.umn.edu/eastcentralcamp2012.

Horse Camp

Mark your calendar for this fun event that will be held June 30th to July 1st at the fairgrounds.

2012 County Fair

The dates of the Isanti County Fair are **July 18th to 22nd** in Cambridge. Registration materials will be available in June. Your fair entry forms are due July 1 **NO EXCEPTIONS**!

Pulse Points

Take a moment and take your club's "pulse". Each month we will have a monthly tip for your club, activity, or learning opportunity. It will be a way to see if your group is practicing great youth development. Talk about these "Pulse Points" with your group and see where you excel and where you can improve.

May "Pulse Point"

There is mutual respect for others of different religions, ethnicities, class, gender, ability, appearance and sexual orientation.

Talking Point: How do we show respect to others? (Safe Environment)

I Want You to Know

Dorothy McCargo Freeman
State 4-H Program Leader

Wikipedia defines spring as one of the four temperate seasons; the transition time between winter and summer. Spring and "springtime" refer to the season, and also to ideas of rebirth, renewal and regrowth. I would contend that it is also a time when the spring rains come, the flowers bloom, trees bud with new leaves, and sunshine seems to be more abound. I would suggest that it is a time that our 4-H members focus heavily on their project work and caring adults guide them gently through the learning-by-doing process. It is indeed a time of excitement and re-engagement and a time when things seem to awaken—insects, sleepy bears, and yes our beloved 4-H. It is my hope that our 4-H members are focused on a project that they enjoy very much and preparing to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. Happy spring!!

Dorothy McCargo Freeman
State 4-H Program Leader

So What Projects Did We Enroll in this Year?

4-H families are invited to review or update their 4-H enrollment information via 4HOnline.com. (Isanti County has a May 15th deadline for adding or dropping projects.) In order to log on, families must have provided a valid email address when they enrolled. For more information and detailed instructions visit www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline and look for the user guide "Printing enrollment summaries and member health information."

Improving Youth Program Quality through Structure and Planning

Creating an intentional structure and planning with youth is an important ingredient of quality youth programs. To get the most out of how you plan and structure programs, here are some things to do in 4-H clubs to boost quality:

- Provide opportunities for youth to participate in activities as a large group, in smaller groups, and individually each session.
- Have a varied "menu" so youth can choose how they will learn – through computer searches, art projects, outdoor adventure, service, science, etc. during club time.
- Select the content area, but use a planning technique at the club session to let youth plan how the activity will unfold.
- Start the meeting with get-to-know you games and icebreakers.
- Use the 4-H "Questions for Guiding Experiential Learning" Field Guide every meeting for good reflection questions.

Incorporate one or two ideas at a time to find what works best for your club. For more ideas on building structure and planning into your 4-H programs, check out "Quality Matters Toolkit: Structure and Planning," available from 4-H Program Staff.

Becky Harrington, Extension Educator
Volunteer & Partner Development

Dog Project Training

2012 4-H Dog Project Train-the-Trainer Training for all Dog Project Leaders/trainers will held on ***May 5-6, 2012*** in Wadena. More details can be found at http://z.umn.edu/dogproject.

YELLO! State 4-H Leadership Conference

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud! (YELLO!) is an exciting and fun annual statewide leadership conference held at the 4-H Building, located on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, ***June 11-14.*** All youth who have completed grades 6-12, at the time of YELLO, are invited to attend. Membership in 4-H is not required, so invite your friends!

At YELLO! you will meet and make new friends with youth from across Minnesota, work together through service-learning activities, and have tons of fun at dances, a banquet, small group gatherings, an *Activity on the Town*, and much more!

On the second day of the conference you will have the opportunity to participate in one of the following fun *Activities on the Town*:

- **Mill City Museum, Minneapolis** – Built into the ruins of what was once the world's largest flour mill, Mill City Museum is located on the historic Mississippi Riverfront. Learn about the history of the flour industry, the river, and the city of Minneapolis through a museum exhibits scavenger hunt, a flour tower multimedia show, and "Minneapolis in 10 Minutes Flat" movie.
- **Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, St. Paul** – You'll have time to explore the animals at Como Park Zoo and then have a guided tour of the Conservatory and production greenhouse; plus, you'll get to meet a few of the ambassador animals (parrot, sloth, monitor lizard, tortoise, animals may vary).
- **Grand Slam, Burnsville** – Enjoy two hours of unlimited Lazer Tag, Mini Golf, Krazy Kars plus you'll get four arcade tokens and batting cage tokens.

The cost is $190, which includes all programming costs, lodging, meals and a t-shirt. Details for the YELLO! Conference is posted online at http://z.umn.edu/yello. Register by ***May 18, 2012*** with your county Extension office. The registration form is available online at www.extension.umn.edu/county/isanti (click on 4-H in *Isanti County* and look under *forms*). For more information, contact your county Extension office.

Lama Clinic

All 4-H members interested in the Lama project are invited to attend a Lama Clinic at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Sauk Rapids on ***June 3, 2012***. There is a wide range of learning topics, which includes showmanship, performance, shearing, spinning, team building, and many more. The clinic is for all 4-H families interested in learning about lamas. There is a $5 fee and pre-registration is mandatory. More information, including how to register, can be found at: http://z.umn.edu/lamaclinicflyer.

Dog Supersession

2012 4-H Dog Supersession will be ***June 23-24, 2012*** at the Scott County fairgrounds, Jordan, MN. More details can be found at http://z.umn.edu/dogproject.

LQA&E Policy

All youth participating as a State Fair livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat and dairy goats, and lama must

have completed a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.

Note: Since 2006, pre-State Fair age 4-H'ers are recommended to be certified. Some counties do, however, require certification of pre-State Fair age 4-H'ers for participation at the county fair. It should be recognized that county policies may be stricter than this state policy.

Please contact your local extension office or visit: http://z.umn.edu/statelqae for training near you.

2012 MN 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife

Reminder: There was a rule change announced in 2011 for the State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational. Please ensure that all coaches and youth are aware of this change.

Members must complete **15** hours of online training per discipline with **8** hours of annual updates, and 8 annual hours of wildlife education to participate at the MN 4-H State Shooting Sports & Wildlife event in September. Training MUST be conducted by 4-H certified coaches, certified in the discipline(s) they are instructing.

(This change is an **increase** in hours - from 5 to 8 hours of annual updates. This means that if a youth spent 15 hours of training their first year in a discipline, they must now have 8 hours of training in that discipline each additional year.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ambassdaor Meeting – May 1
- Drill Team – May 1
- Dog Training – May 3
- Sheep Weigh-In – May 5
- Youth Leader Dodge Ball – May 5
- Dog Project Train-the-Trainer, Wadena – May 5-6
- Shooting Sports – May 7
- Horse Training – May 7
- Western Heritage Practice – May 7
- Horse Project Meeting – May 8
- E-Board Meeting – May 10
- Dog Training – May 10
- Walk/Trot Show – May 13
- Shooting Sports Training – May 14
- Western Heritage Safety Clinic – May 14
- Animal ID's Due – May 15
- Drop/Add Deadline – May 15
- Summer Camp Registrations Due – May 15
- Clover Family Café Meeting – May 17
- Dog Training – May 17
- 4-H Animal Science Expo – May 18-19
- Poultry, Rabbit, Plant & Equipment Sale – May 19
- Shooting Sports Training – May 21
- Dog Training – May 24
- Office Closed – Memorial Day – May 28
- Dog Training – May 31
- Share-the-Fun Nominations Open – June 1
- Lama Clinic, Sauk Rapids – June 3
- Shooting Sports Training – June 4
- Western Heritage Practice – June 4
- Pine County LQA&E Training – Level I & II – June 5
- Ambassador Meeting – June 5
- Dog Training – June 7

- Horse Training – June 7
- Shooting Sports Training – June 11
- Western Heritage Safety Clinic – June 11
- Horse Project Meeting – June 12
- YELLO, State Fairgrounds – June 11-14
- Boot Camp – June 12-14
- E-Board Meeting – June 14
- Dog Training – June 14
- Isanti County LQA&E Training – Level I & II – June 16
- Shooting Sports Training – June 18
- Western Heritage Practice – June 18
- East Central MN 4-H Summer Camp (Formerly PICCKMW) – June 18-20
- Carlton County LQA&E Training – Level I & II – June 21
- Dog Supersession, Jordan – June 23-24
- Shooting Sports Training – June 25
- Western Heritage Practice – June 25
- State Ambassador Orientation – June 26-28
- Dog Training – June 28
- Horse Camp – June 30-July 1
- Western Heritage Practice – July 2
- Western Heritage Practice – July 9
- Mille Lacs County LQA&E Training – Level II – July 10
- Mille Lacs County LQA&E Training – Level I – July 12
- Western Heritage Practice – July 16
- Isanti County Dog Show – July 18
- Isanti County Fair – July 18-22
- Western Heritage Regional Competition – July 29
- Western Heritage State Competition August 18–19
- MN State Fair – Aug. 23-Sept. 3
- State Shoot – Sept. 7-9
- State Horse Show – Sept. 14-17