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Ambassador Meeting

The next Isanti County 4-H Ambassador meeting will on Tuesday, November 6th at the Cambridge-Isanti High School room 144 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend!

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E-Board Meeting

The Isanti County 4-H Executive Board will be meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 pm at the Isanti County Government Center. 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!

Clover Family Café Meeting

The next Clover Family Café meeting will be on Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 pm at the Isanti County Government Center. We will be discussing the past year such as the final financials, menu as well as planning for next year with new ideas. Everyone is welcome to come and we are looking for more people to join the committee. If you are interested in learning more or have ideas to make the Clover Family Café better be sure to attend. We are also looking for help with volunteer coordination at the Clover family Café. If this sounds interesting please join us!

Statewide Horse PDC Webinar

There will be a state-wide Horse PDC webinar on Monday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. 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.

PICCKM Wildlife Retreat

Want to learn about Wolves, Wild dogs and other animals? Then join us for a sleep over at the Wildlife Center in Forest Lake on Friday, December 7th, 6:00 pm – Saturday, December 8th 10:00 am. This activity is open to youth in grades 3-8. The cost $35.00 and includes a continental breakfast. Please eat supper before arriving, we will provide a bedtime snack. Space is limited, and the overnight will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration is due by November 28th. Bring a sleeping bag and mat if desired, but no air mattresses. More information and registration can be found at http://z.umn.edu/wildliferetreat.

Awards Night

Thank you to everyone who attended Awards Night! I would like to especially thank all the volunteers who came early to set up and stayed late to clean up. It went very smoothly having so many people to help! Also, thank you to our Ambassadors, Reyna Meinhardt and Danny Hermanson, for emceeing the event Rose Hermanson and Adam Meinhardt for handing out and organizing the awards. Thank you to Rod and Sarah Elmstrand for donating the table decorations and Amy Anderson, Tiana Lenzmeier and Kayla Lenzmeier for setting up the table decorations. Everyone did a fantastic job!

Congratulations to everyone who received an award! There was a lot of great work done throughout the year and each of you deserves a congratulations. Also, keep in mind the various awards for next year and think ahead for those you would like to nominate!

Congratulations to all our award recipients!

- Outstanding 1st year Members were Jack Larson and Dillon Smith
- Outstanding Youth Leader – Reyna Meinhardt
- Outstanding 4-H Volunteer – Taryn Nyblom

- Friend of 4-H – Tractor Supply Company and Special Tools
- Elroy Peterson – Nathan Vonderharr for Swine, Paige Holt for Beef and Cydnie Engblom for Sheep
- Junior Achiever – Samantha Miller
- Youth Leader Award – Rose Hermanson
- Key Award – Danny Hermanson
- Outstanding 4-H Family – Lenzmeier Family
- Outstanding New Family – Eischenes
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni – Shannon Miller

For full results check extension.umn.edu/county/isanti

Window Displays

Thank you to all the clubs who put up a window display to celebrate National 4-H week! Our Champion club was North Ridge Rangers with the "Float Away with 4-H Fun" display at Braham Ford. The Reserve Champion display was Wild River Pioneers with "Stay Connected with 4-H" at the Cambridge Library. All the other clubs received a blue ribbon which included Sugar Maple Kids who displayed "What's up with 4-H" at Federated Co-op in Isanti, Northern Lights who displayed "Pick your Future" at Isanti Hardware, Lucky Tri-Ats with "Opportunities are bubbling up" on main street in Isanti, Shooting Starz displayed "Shoot into 4-H" at the Cambridge Vet office and Long Lake Leaders for the "4-H will cast a spell on you" which was displayed at the Leader Store. Thank you again for promoting 4-H in your local community!

4-H Re-Enrollment

Minnesota 4-H youth members and adult volunteers are encouraged to take a few minutes to re-enroll in 4-H if you have not already done so.

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 http://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: http://z.umn.edu/4honlineauthoform and mailed to your county or regional office at: http://z.umn.edu/countyoffices. 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: http://z.umn.edu/4hvolunteerapplication. Screening is a separate process from enrolling.

Complete information and support resources can be found online at: http://z.umn.edu/mn4honline.

PICCKMW Camp Counselors

The applications for PICCKMW Camp Counselors will be available soon. Please keep an eye out for the e-mail with more information. The applications are always due January 31st.

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

State and County Fair Exhibits

We still have a few exhibits left in the office from fair. Please be sure to pick them up as soon as possible.

People with projects:

- Mia Scharber
- Noah Ryan
- Samantha Bauer
- Cierra Scharber
- Caleb Merwin
- Regina Zabinski

2012 Fall 4-H Volunteer Training

Wonder! Question! Discover! - Expanding 4-H Learning

Come and learn ways to guide young people in a process to discover new ideas, explore their curiosities, and deepen their 4-H learning experiences. Use hands-on science and engineering design activities to try out inquiry-based learning. Develop new skills for facilitating learning experiences and applying this in your work with youth in 4-H projects, clubs, and activities.

You will leave this training with:

- **Strategies** to use questioning to help young people expand their learning in projects and club work
- **Confidence** to facilitate 3+ hands-on science or engineering design activities in your club or group
- **A toolkit** of 6-8 additional science/engineering activity lessons and resources

Visit the following website to find trainings near you http://z.umn.edu/volunteertraining.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. The

National 4-H Conference will be held ***April 6-11, 2013*** at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C. The application and instructions for delegate selection are now available on the following website www.4-h.umn.edu/events/national-conference. The application must be postmarked by ***November 16, 2012***.

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.extension.umn.edu/county/isanti. Click on 4-H in Isanti County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at http://z.umn.edu/blu2013. Please contact your county Extension office or Linda Reis at the Farmington Regional Office, reisx043@umn.edu or 1-888-241-0839, with any questions.

M4-HAVA Forum

The Minnesota 4-H Adult Volunteer Association invites you to our 2013 Forum which will be held at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on ***February 14-16, 2013***. This year's theme reflects the focus on volunteer service "4 the luv of 4-H."

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.

Thursday, Feb. 14 includes registration and social "Exchanges." Friday, Feb. 15 includes opening ceremonies, Kids Path, workshops, district caucuses, speakers and entertainment, make & take crafts, and games. Saturday, Feb. 16 includes an awards luncheon, the annual meeting, installation of new officers, a continued Kids Path, and more workshops, crafts, and games. The Forum also includes door prizes, a silent auction, a hospitality suite, and the "M4-HAVA Store."

Register early! Registrations received by ***January 15, 2013*** 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 for 4-H volunteers is available at the M4-HAVA website at www.m4-hava.org (Click on "upcoming events.").

See YOU at the forum!

Healthy Living Photos and Facebook

Do you like being physically active in the outdoors or cooking? Maybe you were involved in the summer 2012 Healthy Living mini-grant programming in your county, at camp or at the State Fair. The MN Healthy Living team has a facebook page about the exciting Healthy Living activities going on in Minnesota. Check out the pictures and stories at: http://www.facebook.com/MN4HHealthyLiving. Some Cook Off candid shots can also be found at http://mn4h.smugmug.com/StateFair/2012-State-Fair-Candids. If you have something you would like to submit and share, please contact Carrie Olson at olson166@umn.edu.

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. Citizenship Washington Focus will be held ***June 30 – July 6, 2013*** at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D.C. More information can be found at http://z.umn.edu/cwf2013. Please be sure to check any county specific requirements and deadlines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Make It with Wool Contest Registration Due – Nov. 1
- Ambassador Meeting – Nov. 6
- Executive Board Meeting – Nov. 8
- Office Closed – Veterans Day – Nov. 12
- Clover Family Café Committee Meeting – Nov. 15
- National 4-H Conference Registration Due – Nov. 16
- Office Closed – Thanksgiving – Nov. 22-23
- Club Charters Due – Nov. 30
- Make It with Wool Contest, Mankato – Dec. 1
- Statewide Horse PDC Webinar – Dec. 3
- Ambassador Meeting – Dec. 4
- PICCKM Wildlife Retreat – Dec. 7-8
- 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
- M4-HAVA Registration Due – Jan. 15
- 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline – Jan. 15
- Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day Jr. Day – Jan. 21
- 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
- BLU, Bemidji – March 2-3