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#### Statewide Horse PDC Webinar

There will be a state-wide Horse PDC webinar on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm Mille Lacs County will be presenting it in the Courthouse Upper Level Boardroom. It is for all 4-H adult and youth leaders involved in the horse project.

For more information or to register, please contact the Mille Lacs County Extension Office at 320-983-8330.

# Llama Club Meeting

Interested in llamas? Want to know more about the llama project in 4-H? Come to Mille Lacs County's first ever llama club meeting. On the agenda is working on showing and training skills, llama body language, and requirements. This meeting is Thursday, December  $6^{\text{th}}$  from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mille Lacs County Courthouse.

#### **Ambassadors**

Are you interested in being an Ambassador? Are you in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or above this year? You want to become a great leader? Then this is a perfect time for you to get involved in the starting of Mille Lacs County Ambassador program. It has been in the process for the last year and we would like your interest to help it get going even more. Our first meeting will be Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Mille Lacs County Courthouse. We can discuss regular meeting times at this meeting along with what you would like in the ambassador program. Please contact the Extension office if you would like more information or you are interested and are unable to attend.

#### **Robotics**

Do you want to know more about robotics? Learn the mechanics of them? Mille Lacs County is offering a Robotics evening on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9 pm at the Mille Lacs County Courthouse. We will be using the Lego Robotics kits to build them and using the computer to program them. If you are interested please contact the Extension office because we only have a limited amount of robots.

# **Federation Meeting**

The December Federation meeting is set for 7:00 pm on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be fruit sales, project days, and reenrollment. If you would like anything else on the agenda please contact the Extension office.

## **Camp Counselors Needed**

Are you in 9th grade or older? Do you want to have a great summer and meet new friends? Sign up to be a PICCKMW Camp Counselor! Applications to be a PICCKMW Camp Counselor will be out soon. Camp will be held June 24-26 at Norway Point Camp in St. Croix State Park

east of Hinckley. Call the Extension office for an application and the list of camp counselor meetings and events. Applications are due back to the Extension office by January 31st.

#### Records

It is never too early to start planning and thinking about records. December is a great month to start because you will be stuck inside and have nothing to do right? Records are a great learning piece. It is a great way to keep track of things like project expenses, accomplishments and things learned during the year. The records also give you a reference for future projects. If you have any questions about project records be sure to talk with your club leader or the Extension office.

## 4-H Ski and Snowboard Days

4-H club members and their families may ski or snowboard anytime between the hours of 9:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday (January 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>) or between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm on Sunday (January 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>) at Powder Ridge. The rates are:

<u>4-H Rate</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>
Ticket \$18.00	\$36.00
Ski Rental Equipment	
\$14.00	\$22.00
Snowboard Rental Equipment	
\$20.00	\$26.00
Helmet Rental	
\$5.00	\$7.00

Beginner ski and snowboard lessons are offered to 4-H participants at a cost of \$5.00 per person for a one hour group lesson (regularly \$15.00). They strongly suggest you take advantage of lessons if you are a first time participant.

The number of 4-H skiers and snowboarders each day is limited so make sure to make your reservations early to guarantee a spot for your group. Reservation forms will be mailed to club leaders.

# 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 (8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 \$80.00
- Any one day same as full fee
- Registrations will not be accepted if postmarked after January 14<sup>th</sup> \*\*

Please call or e-mail Carol at <u>763-464-4427</u> or <u>wru4h@yahoo.com</u> 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 <u>registration form</u> 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.

# 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 <a href="https://www.4-h.umn.edu/policies/4H-member-authorization-form.pdf">www.4-h.umn.edu/policies/4H-member-authorization-form.pdf</a> and mailed to your county or regional office at <a href="https://www.extension.umn.edu/about/offices">www.extension.umn.edu/about/offices</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/#application">www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/#application</a>. Screening is a separate process from enrolling. Complete information and support resources can be found online at <a href="https://www.4-h.umn.edu/4honline">www.4-h.umn.edu/4honline</a>.

## 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! <a href="mailto:sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/4hclovermartholidaysale/">sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/4hclovermartholidaysale/</a>

For additional information or questions, please contact: Laura Leibfried at <a href="mailto:leib0060@umn.edu">leib0060@umn.edu</a> OR Kelsey Glaess at <a href="mailto:glaes042@umn.edu">glaes042@umn.edu</a> 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 <a href="hww.4-h.umn.edu/county/millelacs">www.4-h.umn.edu/county/millelacs</a>. Click on 4-H in Mille Lacs County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at <a href="hww.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu">www.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu</a>. Please contact your county Extension office or Kim Thompson, Center for Youth Development at <a href="mailto:thomp037@umn.edu">thomp037@umn.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:612-624-7774">612-624-7774</a> 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 <a href="www.m4-hava.org">www.m4-hava.org</a> (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-

<u>H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-</u> focus.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Holiday Workshop Dec. 1
- Make It with Wool Contest, Mankato Dec.
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- Statewide Horse PDC Webinar Dec. 3
- Llama Club Meeting Dec. 6
- Ambassador Meeting, Dec. 6
- PICCKM Wildlife Retreat Dec. 7-8
- Federation Meeting, 7 pm, Courthouse –
   Dec. 19
- Office Closed Christmas Dec. 24-25
- Office Closed New Year's Day Jan. 1
- BLU Registration Due Jan. 7

- M4-HAVA Registration Due Jan. 15
- 4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline Jan. 15
- 4-H Ski Day, Powder Ridge Jan. 19
- 4-H Ski Day, Powder Ridge Jan. 20
- Office Closed Martin Luther King Day Jr.
   Day Jan. 21

- Federation Meeting Jan. 22
- Animal Science PDC Meeting Jan. 22
- Horse Winter Roundup Jan 25-27
- 4-H Ski Day, Powder Ridge Jan. 26
- 4-H Ski Day, Powder Ridge Jan. 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