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## Statewide Horse PDC Webinar

There will be a statewide Horse PDC webinar on Monday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pine County will be presenting it in the Pine County Boardroom. It is for all 4-H adult and youth leaders involved in the horse project.

## Livestock Meeting

The next livestock committee meeting will be held Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Hinckley Finlayson High School, Room 147. We will be discussing the pro and cons of the 2012 county fair, market weigh-in days, judges, clinics or workshops and various other things. Come and give your input and help make a plan for the year.

## Cheese Delivery

Congratulations on another successful cheese fundraiser. Cheese pick-up will be at noon on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hinckley Community Center located on Dunn Ave. in Hinckley.

## Market Animal Weigh-In

Never too early to start thinking of your projects for this next year, market animal weigh-in is going to be right around the corner. So be thinking ahead and ready for the deadlines of when they are getting close. Watch for more information in the January Clover Update to when and where it is going to be held.

## 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 [763-464-4427](tel:763-464-4427) or [wru4h@yahoo.com](mailto: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 at [wru4h@yahoo.com](mailto:wru4h@yahoo.com) or Nan Wellnitz at [wild.4hair@yahoo.com](mailto:wild.4hair@yahoo.com) or youth chairs Alex Schonnesen or Samantha Stahnke. Registration deadline: January 14, 2013.

## Camp Counselors Needed

Are you in 9<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Project Workshop Day Instructors Needed

We still need instructors for Project Workshop day on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hinckley. Each session is usually about 50 minutes and instructors can teach on any 4-H project area. Some session ideas include: food preservation, making a bird feeder, knitting, GPS, scrapbooking, photography, etc. If you are interested in teaching a session or want to find out more contact the Extension office.

## 4-H Interstate Exchange Program

We have several 4-H youth in Pine County that have expressed interested in starting a 4-H interstate exchange program! The program involves a two year commitment for a group of youth working together (typically a group of 10-20 teenagers). They will work to raise money to travel to another part of the United States together and will also host 4-H youth from the travel location during the two year commitment. If you are interested in being part of the program or if you would like more information contact the Extension office.

## Pine County 4-H Yard Signs

4-H Yard signs are still available, please stop in the Extension office to pick them up if you are interested in placing one at the end of your drive way.

## T-Shirts & Jars

Do you have t-shirts (in any condition) and/or jars at your house that you would like to get rid of? Bring them to the Extension office, as we are looking for these items for upcoming workshops. Jars can be any size and it doesn't matter if they have lids or not (jars can be a canning jar or even the jar that you just ate your pickles from last night).

## Winter Cancellation Policy

Keep the winter cancellation policy in mind as you get ready for 4-H winter fun. 4-H events will be canceled if:

- Schools are closed for the day or close early due to bad weather.
- Temperature is at least -30 F and/or wind chill is -50 or more.
- If there is a snowstorm or freezing rain creating hazardous driving conditions.

Remember that this policy is for meetings and events that will be held indoors. If you or your club is planning an outdoor event please use your best judgment. The safety of the participants should always come first!

## 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](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 [www.4-h.umn.edu/policies/4H-member-authorization-form.pdf](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/4hclovermartholiday/sale/](http://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/4hclovermartholiday/sale/)

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## 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/pine](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/county/pine). Click on 4-H in Pine County and look under forms. Additional information is available online at [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/blu](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/blu). Please contact your county Extension office or Kim Thompson, Center for Youth Development at [thomp037@umn.edu](mailto:thomp037@umn.edu) or [612-624-7774](tel:612-624-7774) with any questions.

## 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/O), so you'll want to join M4-HAVA before or while registering for the forum. Youth 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.m4-hava.org) (Click on "upcoming events").

See YOU at the forum!

## 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](http://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)

## 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](http://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
- PICCKM Wildlife Retreat – Dec. 7-8
- Livestock Meeting – Dec. 10
- Cheese Delivery – Dec. 15
- 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
- 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
- County Office Closed – President’s Day – Feb. 18
- Project Workshop Day – Feb. 23
- 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