



In-person Club and Project Meetings

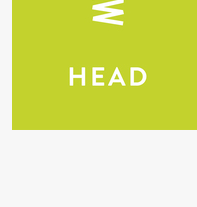
You CAN have in-person meetings, BUT...

Pre-event registration, notification and post-event reporting are required, (please discuss plans for this with the Educator)

Some criteria for in-person programs *before April 1* include:

- Indoor gatherings are limited to 2 hours.
- 6 feet minimum distancing between participants is required at all times.
- Physical distancing is not required between members of the same household, however each member is counted in the maximum group size.
- Hand sanitizing equipment must be readily available and frequently used.
- Face masks or coverings are typically required even when speaking.

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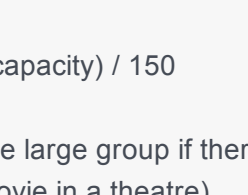
New Guidance Released for Programs Starting April 1

4-H programs from April 1 - June 1 will have reduced restrictions. New guidance includes:

- Increasing total event participants to 50 indoors (or 30% of room capacity) / 150 outdoors
- Increasing pod numbers to 20, with additional flexibility to have one large group if there is no safety reason to have participants in pods (i.e. watching a movie in a theatre)
- Increasing length of indoor events to 4 hours
- Removing approvals for events that are under two hours and under 20 participants

Even though we are all itching to get back to programming, the pandemic is still here and we still need to practice these safety measures, while starting to reconnect to our clubs and communities.

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VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



Here are some of the upcoming events for the Virtual Learning Community. For a full and updated listing of

statewide and local events, please visit the calendar:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/calendar/>

That's Not What I Meant!

Tuesday starting April 20, 2021 through May 25, 2021 at 8pm

Everyone gets nervous sometimes, leaving a conversation wishing we would have said or done things differently. Let's learn more about ourselves and boost our emotional intelligence so we feel more confident in our abilities. This is geared to youth in grades 6-9, but anyone older can join. In fact, we'll have some opportunities for youth to invite their loved ones, too.

Family Meals - Parent/Caregiver Education

Picky Eaters – March 30, 6:30 pm

Have a choosy eater at home? A lesson designed to give parents and caregivers constructive strategies to nix picky eating. Learn creative ways to incorporate positive and nutritious eating behavior at your family table!

Eat a Rainbow – April 6, 6:30pm

Do you want to add more colorful fruits or veggies to your family meals? A lesson designed to give parents simple tips for adding a delicious rainbow to meals. Learn creative and fun ways to involve your family!

Virtual Fitness Club

Have fun learning about endurance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mindfulness in our beginner-level fitness program. Free series open to 3-6th graders, Tuesdays at 6:30pm on April 6, April 20, May 4, and May 18.

If you have a skill, interest, or expertise that you would like to teach, lead, or share, please consider submitting a proposal through the Virtual Learning Community. No idea is too big or small. Our team will help you walk through the process and prepare!! If you have an idea and would like to talk it through, please reach out to our team by connecting with Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Program Specialist, at amber.rehberg@wisc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES

How Do I Register for an Event in 4-H Online?

Click the button for a user guide to register for an event. More 4-H programs will have registrations in 4-H Online including for the Virtual Learning Community (see above) and summer camp!



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Deadline extended to Add/Change Projects

The Wisconsin Valley Fair decided to extend the deadline to add or change projects to be eligible to exhibit. This also means if you or someone you know did not enroll yet, there are still 2 weeks!

[Update Here](#)



Seeking Two Student Summer 4-H Interns

We are hiring two summer teaching interns to assist with summer school, camp, and Wisconsin Valley Fair programming. These positions will have partial telecommuting work, and partial in-person work. The anticipated start date is May 24.



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Calling Camp Counselors for Summer 2021

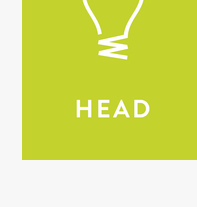
At this time, we are unable to say what format summer camp will take: overnight, day camp, virtual, or hybrid. Even so, it is important that we begin planning now. Counselors play a critical role in both planning and leading camp, so please apply today. You will help make summer camp a success in 2021!



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4-H Leaders Federation: New Date!

The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm. **The Federation is still accepting youth and adult members to sit on the Board of Directors.** The Leaders Federation assists the county 4-H program with fundraising, recognition, and promotion activities. All Marathon County 4H members and leaders are invited to attend!



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Apply to be a Part of the Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council

The Wisconsin Agriculture Youth Council was created in 2020 to encourage young people to engage with state government and increase their awareness of DATCP's interactions with Wisconsin's agriculture industry. Students serve a one-year term and receive a certificate at the completion of their year.



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V.I.P. Training Offered in April

All adults interested in becoming a 4-H leader need to complete V.I.P. Training. This 1.5 hour training covers the role as a volunteer, risk management, Extension and 4-H values and policies. Upcoming training dates:

- Saturday, April 10 at 9am



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Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides support for arts and communications programs that encourage youth to develop strong leadership, creative and communications skills. Each year the Foundation highlights 4-H artists through the Celebrate the Arts art contest and the Celebrate the Arts event. The Celebrate the Arts events kick off April 5th!

Carver Higgins of Weim Wildcats 4-H is one of the 2021 Celebrate the Arts Contest Winners. Congratulations Carver!



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NANCY ANDERSON IS RETIRING!

Extension Marathon County Support Staff is Retiring April 1

Nancy Anderson has been support staff for the local Extension Office, including 4-H for 9 years, and with Marathon County for 17 years! Including Nancy, please photos on the link below to add your farewell messages, photos, GIFs or videos. If you wish to send her a card, you can send it to 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403.



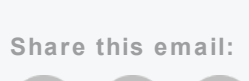
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SAVE THE DATE

- **April 9:** New WVF Deadline to Add/Change Projects
- **April 10:** V.I.P. Training
- **April 15:** Deadline to apply to be a Camp Counselor
- **April 26 & 29:** Spring District Meetings
- **June 6-10:** Intermediate Camp *TENTATIVE DATES*
- **July 13-15:** Junior Camp *TENTATIVE DATES*
- **August 3-8:** Wisconsin Valley Fair



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