



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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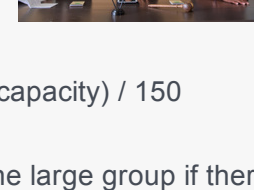
New Guidance Released for Programs Starting April 1

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.

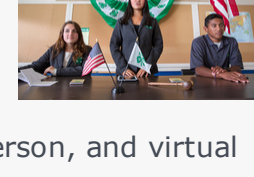
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Leaders Federation Updates

No Member Enrollment Dues or Candy Sale Fundraiser for 2020-2021

The Marathon County 4-H Leaders Federation voted last week to waive county membership dues for this 4-H year. Also, there will not be a candy sale this year due to few clubs meeting in person, and virtual schools and employers working remotely.



New 2021 Plat Book Coming this Fall

We will be putting out a new Marathon County plat book this Fall. It will include updated property ownership. Watch for a Cover Photo Contest information coming soon for 4-H members. There still are 2019 plat books for sale at the Extension Marathon County Office, Marathon County Clerk's Office and businesses around Marathon County.



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4-H Leaders Federation: New Date!

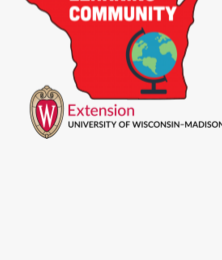
The next bi-monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm. **The Federation is still accepting youth and adult members to sit on the Board of Directors.** The Leaders Federation assists the county 4-H program with fundraising, recognition, and promotion activities. All Marathon County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



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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/>

Wildlife & Woods Virtual Series

These Wildlife & Woods Sessions and the corresponding planning meetings will provide a virtual opportunity for 4-H youth and adults to connect and exchange valuable wildlife and forestry knowledge as well as develop life skills, access new opportunities and career connections. Each monthly session will have a stand-alone theme such as Winter Wonderland: Non-hibernators and conifers, A Tropical Trip to Florida, Song Birds & Fruit Trees, or Big Game & Mountain Trees. Will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month, the next one is on 3-24-2021 at 7:00pm.

State-Wide Poultry Meetings

Poultry Meeting #1 - Hatching Eggs and Caring for Chicks (Monday, March 15th at 6:30pm) - Zoom Meeting We will give an overview of the basics of hatching chicks and what you need to care for chicks. To conclude we will play Poultry Bingo. Meeting time one hour or less.

Poultry Meeting #2 - Basics of Raising Meat Chickens (Wednesday, March 31st at 6:30pm) - Zoom Meeting Will cover the basics of raising poultry for meat. What breeds are ideal, type of housing, what to feed and processing. To conclude we will play a Poultry game. Meeting time one hour or less.

Poultry Meeting #3 - Poultry Trivia (Saturday, April 17th at 6:30pm) - Zoom Meeting Test out your poultry knowledge. We will be playing a trivia game with all types of facts about poultry!

Virtual Fitness Club

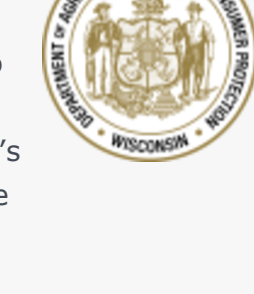
Have fun learning about endurance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mindfulness in our beginner-level fitness program. Free series open to 3-6th graders, Tuesdays at 6:30pm on April 6, April 20, May 4, and May 18.

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

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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Seeking 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!

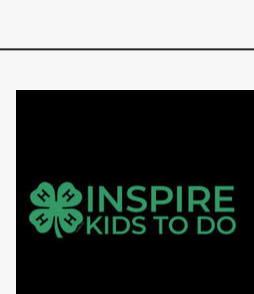


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V.I.P. Trainings Offered in March and April

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:

- Tuesday, March 23, 6pm
- Saturday, April 10 at 9am



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Exploring 4-H for New Families Newsletter

Check out the latest statewide newsletter that dives into a new 4-H topic each month. Existing members and leaders may find them interesting, or even learn something new, too!



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National 4-H Activities at Home

Explore fun, educational activities for kids and teens to do at home. Download the 4-H at Home Activity Guide today. *New activities added*



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NANCY ANDERSON IS RETIRING!

Extension Marathon County Support Staff is Retiring April 1

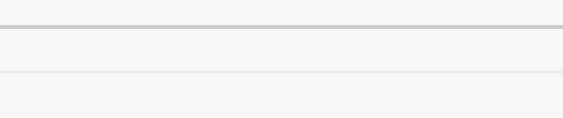
Nancy Anderson has been support staff for the local Extension Office, including 4-H for 9 years, and with Marathon County for 17 years! To celebrate Nancy, please click on the link below to add your farewell messages, photos, GIFs or videos. If you wish to send her a card, you can send it to 212 River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



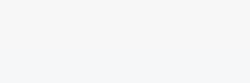
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SAVE THE DATE

- **March 23:** V.I.P. Training
- **April 10:** V.I.P. Training
- **April 15:** Deadline to apply to be a Camp Counselor
- **June 6-10:** Intermediate Camp *TENTATIVE DATES*
- **July 13-15:** Junior Camp *TENTATIVE DATES*
- **August 3-8:** Wisconsin Valley Fair



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