



Sheboygan County 4-H Cloverleaf Crier April 3, 2020

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When Can We Meet Again?

It has been quite a few weeks of learning new and constant changing information. We all appreciate your patience, understanding and flexibility as we take on each day. The most recent information that has been passed down to us that we are to share with you as you do your 4-H programming is: All in-person events planned through May 15th should be cancelled or postponed. Large events (>50 people) planned for the latter half of May and June should be cancelled or postponed. It is highly likely that these dates will be moved later into the calendar year, but that is dependent on COVID-19 infection rates in Wisconsin over the next few weeks.

As questions come up, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sarah, Linda or Nancy. We are all here to help you navigate this crazy time. We are all working remotely, yet able to check our emails and our office phones have been forwarded to our home phones, so you can still reach us.

Help Us Help You!

Dear friends, as many of you navigate new work situations whether that be working from home or extra hoops to jump to get to work or having to accept a leave from work – we are asking that you help us navigate the challenge of telecommuting to work in the following ways:

We want to be friends! You are good people, but please reserve our social media accounts (including messenger) for our friendly conversations. (The only exceptions to this include groups that are made up specifically to communicate about programs) It's an awful feeling to see your message far after you sent it and know that we didn't get to it timely. In addition, we want to have some down time when we are with our families and throughout the evenings. Thank you for understanding.

Please use the [google form to submit articles for the Crier](#). This is new to all of us, but in order to avoid your message/article getting missed, they need to be all in the same location – that means in the google drive. This also helps you quality control your message because you have written it yourself. Please do not e-mail these – they could get lost in the other requests.

Our office phones are forwarded and our e-mails are active and working. Please call us with any questions, ideas or concerns.

Thank you so much for your support and kindness during this time. We are eager to be of help to make sure that you can still share your interests and passions with our members.



Collecting for a Cause- Thank you!

Thank you to all of the families and clubs that generously donated supplies for our Collecting for a Cause to make Foster Care Activity Bags! Four older youth who were looking for some community service hours dove right in to playdough, crayons, coloring books and fidget spinners filling bags according to age

levels. With everything that you gave, we were able to make almost 150 Foster Care Activity Bags for youth to use when they are in transition between homes.

Volunteer with Sheboygan County COVID-19 Youth Action Team

Check out the many projects that are being worked on by youth at [Sheboygan County COVID-19 YAT Padlet Page](#) Add your ideas for projects here. Comment on others. Help each other out. We are discontinuing the daily Zoom meetings for this group and moving to this collaborative tool. We will continue to meet on Fridays via Zoom to touch base and keep supporting our communities. Join us Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/113702048>.

Volunteers needed for the following projects:

- Constructing care packages for nurses (items are purchased)
- Families to make craft or project kits in ziplock bags with materials from home
- Individuals to sew face masks to be donated to Children's Hospital of WI
- Videos and picture of you and your animals for Rocky Knoll
- Make a door tag for nursing home residents to spread some cheer

Don't just lurk (view), interact! You can also follow our [Sheboygan County COVID-19 Youth Action Team Facebook Page](#).

Youth Need Caring Adults

Firstly, I want to thank you for your continued diligence in serving the youth of our county. Linda, Nancy and I are doing the very best we can to make sure our young people are supported emotionally through this time. While there is no "normal" yet, we know that youth still need to know that adults are there to care and support them. Staff in schools and youth programs do not need to and should not stop seeking to build developmental relationships with young people while they are at home during the nation's response to the COVID-19 crisis. I have found [this message from Search Institute](#) to be of help when I have been prioritizing my communication with youth, perhaps you will too!

Dog Project - Update

The 4-H Dog Board updated its programming for 2020 and plans to hold dog training this summer on a reduced schedule. Our tentative start date will be June 4 for Obedience, Showmanship and Rally; and June 9 for Agility. Because of the Covid 19 meeting restrictions, we are not holding in-person orientation meetings and will be managing the Dog Project using online forms. Updated registration and orientation information will be emailed to dog project members.

Returning members can take advantage of the warming weather and get outside to review the skills you learned last year. Everyone should have some fun with their dogs and look forward to summer!

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