

Sheboygan County 4-H Cloverleaf Crier June 19, 2020

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Nature Around the Corner - Wildflowers

Please take a minute or two to view the latest Nature Around the Corner with Tom Lentz. He has a great new video on Youtube about wildflowers. You can view it at this link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> v=c vAxnWwNdQ

Sheboygan County 4-H Seeking Volunteers!

Hello all, thank you so much for the support and reaching out with the announcement of Linda's move to a new opportunity. I have had several people ask if there are areas that they can help in and I'll keep you posted as we go throughout the summer and fall. For now, there are three things that will need some volunteer support behind them. Here they are . . .

Club Booth Coordinator

You will see in this issue of the Weekly Crier that we will plan to proceed with one of the best teamwork and promotional opportunities the fair has to offer for our clubs . . . Club Booths! I am looking for a volunteer to work on coordinating sign-ups, communications, judging and awards for this opportunity. This might mean following a similar format to what we have offered in the past or it might mean coming up with some alternative and fun new ways to promote clubs through window displays or the like. I'd live to support a volunteer in making this happen for our families and clubs. If you want to help please let me know by calling me at 920-459-5915 or e-mail me at sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu.

Cloverbud Judging Coordinator

Regardless of any fair decisions, we'd like to offer our Cloverbuds an opportunity to learn, create and experience getting feedback on their projects. I'd love to work with a volunteer to manage Cloverbud Entries, coordinate a judging experience (might be face-to-face or some other option) and celebrate their hard work. If you want to help please let me know by calling me at 920-459-5915 or e-mail me at <u>sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu</u>.

4-H Club/Group Financial Audit Committee

I've been wracking my brain in trying to come up with ways to make things easier on clubs and groups this summer. Seems like things are hard enough everywhere. One task that I think is often hard for clubs to accomplish over the summer is to get that financial audit completed. What I'd like to do is coordinate an audit committee made up of volunteers who are willing to conduct our club and group audits throughout the month of August. If you have any interest or expertise in reviewing financial records or bookkeeping please consider joining this committee. If you want to help please let me know by calling me at 920-459-5915 or e-mail me at sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu.

Goat Project Members

Goat project members must fill out the State Scrapie Form to show at County Fair. This form has been sent to all by email or you are able to download it from the 4-H web page. This form must be turned in to the Fair office no later than July 15, 2020. If it is not at the Fair office by the 15th of July, you will not be allowed to show at County Fair. There are no exceptions.

If you have any questions, you may call Ruth Van Sluys, email - <u>willruthvs@gmail.com</u>, or call Mark Breunig at 920-912-1573

FAIR ENTRY ONLINE



PROCEDURE



*Please note: General Leaders must provide all members with a General Leader e-mail address to complete the entry process. This will ensure that entries are sent to the General Leader for verification. If you or your members have any questions on enrolling contact the Fair office at 920.893.5751 or stop in at the Fair office. The ENTRY RPOCESS IS NOW LIVE AT www.Shebcofair.com

Junior Exhibitors will need to have entries selected by July 1st to ensure club leaders have ample time to review member entries. DON'T FORGET TO HIT SUBMIT AFTER YOU SEND IT TO YOUR LEADER! Instructions for online entry will be available via the Sheboygan County Fair Website: <u>www.shebcofair.com</u> as soon as possible. We will notify you when it is ready.

FAIR JUDGING DAYS – Keep in mind that these judging days may look different or be adapted in order to keep everyone safe and healthy! Stay tunes for any potential changes.

Mark these dates on your family calendar now! *Monday, August 24th, 1:00-7:00 p.m. - All non-animal projects with the exception of Cake Decorating, Crops, Vegetable Garden, Flowers, Houseplants and Club Booths.

*Wednesday, September 2nd, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Cake Decorating, Crops, Vegetable Garden, Flowers, Houseplants, and Club Booths.

CAKE DECORATING – NEW-ISH JUDGING DAY! **Mark your calendars cake decorating project members and leaders**

This year, the Cake Decorating project exhibits will be judged on Wednesday, September 2nd from 4:00-7:00 pm. Please plan accordingly as you practice and gain experience in the project over the rest of this year. The Junior Fair Book is be available at http://www.shebcofair.com/JRFair/.

ENTERING PROJECTS IN THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAIR

Taking part in the Sheboygan County Fair is a real highlight of the 4-H year. It should be fun and educational! The 2020 Sheboygan County Fair Premium Lists and online entry are available on line at <u>http://www.shebcofair.com/</u>. Go to the Exhibitors tab and from there Junior Fair and that will highlight and you can choose from Premium List, Junior Fair book, or Rules & Regulations.

A few exhibit hints are listed below. Remember to:

1. Read the general Fair rules and the specific rules for each project.

2. Enter exhibits only in the projects you are enrolled in this year. If there is more than one unit (or level), enter under the unit you are enrolled in.

3. Exhibit only in the most advanced unit if you are enrolled in two units of the same project.

4. The standard poster size in almost all departments is 14" x 22". Be sure to follow this rule, or your exhibit will be penalized. Posters will be displayed in the Youth Building on clip hangers on poster racks. You might want to take this into consideration when planning your poster.

5. Be sure all decorative and art items are completed in a manner suitable for display (PICTURES AND OTHER WALL OBJECTS MUST HAVE A HANGING DEVICE ATTACHED OR HAVE "OK TO STAPLE" WRITTEN ON BACK).

6. Doublecheck your entries before pressing submit. Entries not recorded correctly will make you ineligible for fair premiums.

7. Ask your project leaders for guidance on your entries!

8. After filling out your entries online they will be emailed to you. Use this to reference as you prepare for judging day!

9. Be sure to enter Animal Showmanship as applicable.

10. Animal Herdsmanship entries must be listed under club entries. Club general or project leaders please take care of this.

11. Review the entry rules in each department, and re-check the judging schedule. The premium list will also be a valuable guide for next year's projects.

Tips for Online Fair Entry!

Read carefully! It is your responsibility to know and understand the rules! This summary is for your convenience however it is not intended to be all inclusive.

Make sure to review all fair entry rules by reading pages 3-5 of the Sheboygan County Fair Entry Book (each club will be provided 1 hard copy). Also read the section entitled, Additional Rules of Entry within each department. Step by step instructions will be available at: <u>www.shebcofair.com</u> To review the fair entry rules online go to:

http://www.shebcofair.com/exhibitors.html

FIRST – Review Fair Entry Rules (Questions? Contact Fair Manager at 920.893.5751 or stop

in Fair Office)

SECOND - Review the projects you are enrolled in by going to: <u>https://wi.4honline.com</u> (FFA MEMBERS CAN ALSO ENROLL HERE for up-to-date project meeting information and requirements!)

WHO MAY EXHIBIT? Members in good standing in a 4-H Club or FFA of Sheboygan County who are in grades 3-13. **Grade is based on your current grade as of January 1st of exhibit year** You are expected to know your child's grade! Per WI State 4-H Policies: 4-H membership is open to all youth beginning in 5K (five-year-old Kindergarten) through one year beyond high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31 of the enrollment year.

THIRD – Follow the 3 Steps provided at <u>http://www.shebcofair.com/exhibitors.html</u> no later than July 15th

After creating an account on the fair entry page you will receive an e-mail confirming each account. This is the first e-mail you will receive in this process. EVERYONE will make a new account each year. Avoid creating two accounts within one year.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED: REVIEW ENTRIES WITH YOUR 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor by July 1st before "submitting" entries on-line. You can do this by taking a screenshot or scanning a copy of the PENDING ENTRIES and send separately to your leader. NOTE: Once you hit SUMBIT, your entries are complete and CANNOT be changed through the website, you must contact the fair office. Again, items CANNOT be REMOVED once the SUBMIT button is hit. Additions to entries can be made up until the entry deadline.

Clubs must provide all members with a leader e-mail address to complete the entry process. FFA Members, please include your FFA Advisor's e-mail. This will ensure that entries are sent to a Club Fair Entry Leader for verification.

Projects that require additional verification in the Fair Entry Process (i.e. Horse and Pony Project) will provide a secondary e-mail address for confirmation of entry and accuracy of enrollment.

Club Fair Entry Leaders and Project Leaders are not responsible for catching errors that are made in the entry process but will help to ensure that members are entered on time and in accordance with project rules.

FINAL STEP- Once you hit "SUBMIT" you will receive an e-mail confirming that your entry is complete. This will be a second e-mail in the process. If you do not receive an e-mail listing all of your entries, you have not hit SUBMIT! DO NOT LEAVE items PENDING!

The Fair Entry Deadline of July 15th is strictly observed

In order to receive premiums, Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in the youth organization and the projects in which they are exhibiting by the following deadlines:

ANIMAL RELATED and SHOOTING PROJECTS ALL NON- ANIMAL PROJECTS

March 1st of the Exhibit Year

May 1st of the Exhibit Year

Exhibits must be the member's own work, completed during the current 4-H year and they must exhibit their own entry. No sibling, friend, parent or other individual may show a members project.

All Animal Exhibits entered in the wrong department, class or lot number will be disqualified. The project will not be judged and no premium or ribbon will be awarded.

All Non-Animal Projects entered in the wrong department, class or lot number may be brought to the fair will receive NO PREMIUM, may be judged for ribbon placing ONLY and will be placed on display.

4-H CLUB BOOTHS - SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAIR

We are not sure what the fair will look like this year or the role that 4-H will be able to have in it. But we do know that our clubs create amazing promotional booths each year and we don't want our community to miss out on their fine work. If we participate in the Sheboygan county Fair – club booths can be set up within safe parameters prior to the big event. If there is no Sheboygan County Fair – we'll take you booths on the road to some of our fine local businesses where they can be viewed and judged right where they are displayed. In the youth building there are sixteen booth spaces available on a first-come, first serve basis. There are also 5 free standing and 5 hanging display areas available. Free standing displays are limited to 3 x 4 at the base. All booths should be planned with flexibility to meet these specification or to be adapted to a storefront or business space.

In order to participate in the Club Booth Judging reservations are needed by July 15th by completing this reservation form...remember booths are available on a first come, first serve basis. DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE HAS TURNED IN THE FORM, RESERVE YOUR BOOTH NOW!

Fair Food Stand Cancellation

It's with a heavy heart that I must communicate that this year we will not be able to hold the 4-H Food Stand during the Sheboygan County Fair. Whether or not the fair happens this Labor Day, we do not foresee reaching a phased transition plan that will allow 4-H youth, volunteers and staff work in small areas serving hundreds of people. Whenever we plan programs, one of our top priorities is safety for those involved, and we cannot guarantee safety from the COVID-19 virus. This phased transition plan is under the guidelines of Extension and UW Madison.

Now, it may seam scary that we will not be holding our largest fundraiser this year. Sarah has looked back as to how much money was not spent this spring and summer due to COVID-19 and canceled programs. We did not spend approximately \$22,000. Typically, that is how much we gross during our food stand fundraiser. So, we should be in the clear for this next budget cycle.

I do suggest though, that together as a team, brainstorm for how our 4-H program could raise funds during this next year. I am assuming (and this is Linda Robson's thoughts) that our youth will not be selling nearly as many pizzas as we have in the past. Many small businesses and families have been truly affected by the Safer At Home.

A question that we, as 4-H Educators, pushed hard for an answer on was in regards to operating food stands and/or food sales (ie brat fry or bake sale). Here is their answer below:

Can a 4-H Club or 4-H Group operate a food stand or sale?

Program participants should not interact with numerous individuals where social distancing is not possible. Food stands with made-to-order food will not be able to comply with the program planning guidance listed above.

Food sales of pre-packaged items that are contactless may be allowed with approved plans.

If you would like to see more information there is a FAQ webpage that the State has pulled together. It was just updated on June 9th with the latest information: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/</u>

Thank you for all that you do and your dedication to the Sheboygan County 4-H Program. Because of amazing volunteers like yourselves, we have an exceptional program.

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