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Letter Describing Extension Nondiscrimination Policies

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Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Families,

Periodically, Division of Extension takes steps to assure that our partners know and understand our policy of nondiscrimination. This letter is to remind or notify you that the Division of Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals, in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

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On behalf of Extension, Sheboygan County and the University of Wisconsin-Extension, we want to thank you for collaborating with our faculty and staff in their many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationships as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of Sheboygan County.

Sincerely,

Sarah Tarjeson
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Division of Extension, Sheboygan County

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GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

4-H Cloverleaf Crier Articles

ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS, MEMBERS, and PARENTS can contribute to the articles posted weekly by completing a short form and uploading their article and any photos to accompany it at <https://forms.gle/dcP2nMfVxtG25rAY6> SAVE THIS LINK! Articles for the current week must be submitted by Midnight on Wednesday.



4-H Google Calendar

To view our Sheboygan County 4-H Google Calendar go to <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/5/r>! If you have an event or meeting that you would like to add to the calendar, please complete the following form <https://forms.gle/XiWcLwSfyYuKWLzt9> and we will be sure to add it. The calendar is updated weekly along with distribution of the Weekly Cloverleaf Crier.

Project Add/Drop Deadline

In order to receive fair premiums, Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or another youth organization and the projects in which they are exhibiting by the following Deadlines:

ALL NON- ANIMAL PROJECTS
May 1st of the Exhibit Year

Bill Jen’s Memorial 4-H Experiences Grant

The Sheboygan County Alumni Association has grant money available to 4-H members for out of county events & trips (example 4-H camp.) The due date for the application was April 1st but because of COVID-19 impact we have extended the dead line for the application to May 1st.

If you plan on attending 4-H camp you may apply for a grant from the 4-H Alumni, the application is on the [Extension website under 4-H Youth Development - Leader Information - Alumni then Bill Jen's Grant Application](#). This year only dead line has been extended to May 1st! Please apply.

Skeeter DeGroff, Alumni Treasurer

Extension COVID-19 Policy Updates

There are many updates regarding holding programs and meetings face to face. I am going to summarize them here and if you have any questions you should call me at 920-459-5915 so that I can clear things up right away - please do not let your questions linger when I can help!

- **Written Program Proposals/Checklists/Approval is NO LONGER NEEDED!!!!!! YAY!!!**
- **Contact logs for participants must still be kept at your club or project level in case we need to follow up with participants. You DO NOT turn these into me any longer!**

April 1-June 1, 2021 Extension Program Policies:

Indoor Programs:

- limited to 4 hours
- limited to 30% capacity of a room or 50 people (whichever is fewer)
- Use pods of 20 people whenever it makes sense to do so; individuals not to circulate between pods but a facilitator can
- maintain a social distance of 6 ft
- face masks are required indoors
- communicate plans for pick-up drop off, avoiding congregating in spaces
- provide hand sanitizing and hygiene materials
- Keep all food outdoors

Outdoor Programs:

- No time limit
- limited to 150 people
- maintain a social distance of 6 ft or more
- use pods of 20 when it makes sense to do so; individuals not to circulate between pods but a facilitator can
- face masks required only when social distancing is challenging
- communicate plans to pick-up, drop off, avoiding congregating in spaces,
- provide hand sanitizing and hygiene materials

June 1, 2021, through "Summer" Policies:

- Continue using face coverings
- Continue physical distancing six feet apart
- Indoor events are at 50% of room capacity up to 350 people
- Outdoor events may have up to 500 people.
- Podding is no longer required. However, the Center for Disease Control suggests using pods for day-long programs.
- Time limits for indoor and outdoor programming have been removed
- Food is allowed at events longer than two hours as long as CDC school lunchroom guidance is followed for physical distancing, minimizing time with masks removed, and washing or sanitizing hands
- Contact your county educator for food stand fundraisers or foods and nutrition programming guidance
- Reminder, always follow County Health Department guidelines if stricter than the above guidelines
- Continue working with your county 4-H staff to plan summer programs

Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern – Application Deadline Extended to May 1, 2021

Watch for the opportunity to serve as the Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern 2021. Our 4-H Summer Intern is responsible for helping plan, promote and facilitate summer 4-H youth development experiences and opportunities. NEW THIS YEAR...there has been a significant increase in the salary this year including a \$6,000 total salary/scholarship. If you know a college student looking for experience in positive youth development...this internship is for them. Applications are due May 1, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Summer Intern Position, please contact Sarah at 920-459-5915.

- [Summer Intern Application](#)
- [Summer Intern Job Description](#)

4-H Project Information



4-H Cloverbud Leaders Wanted

I am looking for 3-4 families or leaders to host Cloverbud opportunities for Cloverbud Members throughout Sheboygan County over the next 3-4 months.

These opportunities do not need to be a big deal - but should include something hands-on for the kids to create and an opportunity for the kids and parents to get to

know one another and share an experience. Maybe it is a trip to Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center or a picnic at the park. I'm sure that Maywood or a local fishing hole would also make a great field trip for families.

If you would be willing to host one or more of these opportunities, would you please contact me. From there we can talk and get something on the calendar to promote to our 54 Cloverbud members throughout Sheboygan County! Please call 920-459-5915 or e-mail me at sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu. Thank you for considering!

Hello Fellow Blacksmiths!

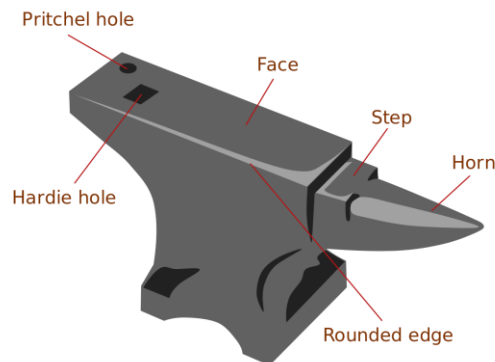
I am very pleased to announce that the Blacksmithing Mandatory Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the youth building at the Fairgrounds. We will go over safety, introduce first year projects and review project plans for returning blacksmiths.

To help reduce shared equipment, we ask that if you have your own safety glasses you would like to use for Blacksmithing Project, please bring them to this meeting so we can verify that they are acceptable. If you do not have safety glasses of your own, we will purchase them for you. We will do our best to make sure we get affordable, quality safety glasses, and the cost will be added to your metal fees.

The Blacksmithing Hammer-In will be held from June 7 - June 18th from 5-9 pm at the Fairgrounds in the Swine Building as in the past. There will be signup sheets to gauge availability and project time will be scheduled and emailed out.

Please bring to the meeting:

- A parent
 - Safety glasses if you have some you would like to use for the project
 - Second year and above should bring plans and/or a picture of what they would like to make for the project to be reviewed
- Have a great day!



Goat Project Meetings – 2021

THIS YEAR ONLY - 4-H exhibitors must attend just one of the following meetings/events to be eligible to show at the Sheboygan County Fair:

- **APRIL 15th at 6:00pm** – Lori & Chad Knutson Farm, W4293 County Road D, Random Lake – Speaker Dr. Lindley Reilly from Cedar Grove Veterinary. <https://www.cgvet.com/our-veterinarians.pml> speaking on General Goat Health and Body Scoring. All attending must RSVP to Shelly @ 920-254-5706 or ksdulmes@gmail.com by April 13th.
- **JUNE 19th - JUNE FUN SHOW** in Plymouth at the Fairgrounds – Show Details and Volunteer Opportunities to follow!! Open to all 4-H and Non 4-H members from Sheboygan County and surrounding counties.
- **JULY 20th at 6:00pm** – Kevin and Shelly Dulmes Home, W4118 S County Road A – Showmanship and Fitting. We will have goats to use, but feel free to bring your own. Please let us know if there are any other topics you would like to discuss. Any questions, please contact goat project leaders Lori Knutson (414) 640-6387, Andrea Fenner (920) 917-4838 or Shelly Dulmes (920) 254-5706.



*****If there are any new project members interested in a goat project mentor, please reach out to one of our leaders so that we can make arrangements for a more one on one learning experience.*****

Additional Info/Dates to Remember

Wisconsin State Fair – <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/> Open to all youth Age 12-19 by January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification.

Mid April – Entries Open

June 9, 2021 - Junior Livestock Online Entries due

Sheboygan County Fair - <http://www.shebcofair.com/exhibitors.html> Open to all Sheboygan County Goat Project Members – 1 meeting required for 2021

Mid June – Junior Fair “On Line” Registration Opens

Mid July - Entry Deadline



Rabbit Cavy Project Meeting

The Rabbit/Cavy project will meet Tuesday, April 27th, 6:00 pm at the M&R Building (by the rabbit barn) at the Fair Park in Plymouth. Cavies, feed, grooming and showmanship will be topics to be discussed at different stations. Each member is to bring a rabbit and a carpet square. Masks are required. Any questions please text Barb Scholten at 920-980-4219.

Justin Lillesand Memorial Livestock Scholarship

The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee has partnered with the Lillesand Family to offer two (2) - \$1000 scholarships to youth that have been active members of a livestock project and a member of 4-H or FFA organization in Sheboygan County in memory of Justin Lillesand. Applicants can be a senior in high school or currently attending an accredited college, university, or technical college. Applications can be found on the Sheboygan County General Livestock Facebook page or the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Facebook page. In addition, you can request an application from Nicole Peter at npeter27@hotmail.com. Completed applications are due to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee by May 15th, 2021, and should be emailed to shebcollivestockcommittee@gmail.com Electronic submissions will be the only applications accepted. Information on potential interviews will be shared at a later date. Any questions, please contact Nicole Peter at 920-207-2273 or npeter27@hotmail.com.

4-H Dog Project Training Season Organizational Meeting

The Dog Project will have a mandatory organizational meeting on Thursday, April 29 at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds. Starting time is 6:10 PM in the Coliseum. We will collect vet forms and fees and discuss what to expect on the first training nights. Remember to bring the copy of your dog's rabies certificate for us to keep on file. There will be information for ordering Dog Project T-shirts and sweatshirts, too. Do not bring your dog, unless Emily Holentunder (emmers0407@gmail.com) has contacted you about getting an evaluation. We're looking forward to meeting you and answering your questions so training starts off on the right foot!



4-H Dog Project Agility Ring Set-Up May 1

Dog Project agility members, can you help? On Saturday morning, May 1, we will be setting up the agility ring on the north side of the Horse Barn at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds. We need a few kids to help with this task. Time spent will count toward your family's required 2 hours of volunteer time. Contact Emily Holentunder (emmers0407@gmail.com) to sign up.

County-Wide 4-H Opportunities

Let's Play Ball! 4-H Softball Season Warms Up!



Does the warmer weather have you looking forward to summer? You know what summer brings, right? 4-H SOFTBALL! This wonderful program is open to all Sheboygan County clubs, large and small. A team consists of a minimum of 12 club members per week. Not sure if your club can get 12 members per week, we can partner you up with another club. This is truly a fun league, no experience needed. Just bring your bats, gloves, softballs and sportsmanship. Please contact Becky Klahn-Schwartz (920-207-4595 or simplevalleycreations@yahoo.com) by 5/20 if your club is interested.

WI State Fair Youth Exhibits

WI State Fair has announced some EXCITING NEW Updates to Youth Expo Department Programs for 2021!! Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Department is open to any Wisconsin Resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. 2021 Youth Expo Programs offered are stage performances and project

exhibits. Project Exhibits: Exhibitors can self-nominate their own project exhibits for judging which will be judged in late June/early July.

- Youth Expo Project Exhibit Entry Information is available on: [project_exhibits.pdf \(wistatefair.com\)](#) Entries will open in late spring.
- Performance: The stage performance categories and dates have been updated and performances will be judged daily. Youth Expo Performance Entry Information is available on: [performance.pdf \(wistatefair.com\)](#). Entries will open in late spring.

Project Exhibit FAQs for Wisconsin County Fairs is available on: [wisconsin_county_fairs_project_exhibits.pdf \(wistatefair.com\)](#). If you have any questions and/or would like any additional information please reach out to WI State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

Compeer Blue Ribbon Project Contest

As you may know, Compeer Financial is a strong supporter of agriculture youth. Although many local and county fairs will look different in 2021, we wanted to continue to support our young people – who are the future of agriculture. We know many 4-H and FFA members have worked hard on their projects throughout the year, and to honor this dedication we are announcing the second year of the Blue Ribbon Project contest.

This contest gives members the chance to showcase their projects with a photo and a short essay telling Compeer Financial how their project champions rural America. The first 1,000 submissions will get a cool t-shirt and have a chance to win a cash prize, and a donation to a group that is important to them. You can see the attached flyer for additional information and the link for the submission process.

The website is open now: compeer.com/BlueRibbon and the deadline to apply is June 1. I hope you are excited about this opportunity for your members and will help spread the word about this program. Thank you for all that you do to support these young people, and their dedication to rural America!

4-H Club Organizational Leaders Info

Spring 4-H General Leader Meeting

4-H Club Organizational Leaders I am looking forward to meeting with you face-to-face for our annual Spring General Leader Meeting. This meeting is planned for **Thursday, April 29th** and will take place at the **Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in the Fair Office** (use the rear entrance please) **from 6-8 p.m.** Please plan to be ready to meet promptly at 6:00 p.m.



4-H Volunteer Appreciation

This week we are celebrating and recognizing our over 6,000 WI 4-H Volunteers as we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18-24. We would like to share our sincere appreciation for all of our 4-H Volunteers (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vteN_tFgmllfor) for giving so much of themselves to make a difference in the lives of young people and our communities. And, we would like to encourage you to take a moment to reach out a 4-H volunteer who is and/or has made a difference in your life!!

Thank you for your continued commitment to WI 4-H!! We understand that the uncertainty of this past year has been challenging. We are all looking forward to continued connection and engagement as we head into summer. We know that meeting in person is important to many of you and we our Virtual Learning Community continues to offer some great programming for youth and families. Check out the calendar: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/#Calendar>.

Volunteer Development and Management

In the Sheboygan County 4-H Program, **volunteer management and development** is a priority! With 226 Certified 4-H Volunteer Leaders, it is critical that staff engage volunteers in ongoing educational processes designed to build capacities for their service roles. By actively engaging volunteers and organizing volunteer efforts, we are able to provide hundreds of opportunities throughout the year for over 1,500 youth, K-13th grade.

In order to manage and develop volunteers effectively, staff hold group trainings throughout the year and are available for one-on-one consultations and support. Trainings include research based information on positive youth development, conflict management and problem solving, risk management, and financial management. Along with ongoing volunteer development and management, a required 4-H Volunteer Orientation is held for new volunteers. This year, 36 adults were certified through our Sheboygan County **4-H Volunteer Youth Protection Program**. The primary purpose of this process is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants (i.e., youth, their parents and families, salaried and volunteer staff.)

The Value of Volunteers

As volunteers offer their time, talents, and/or resources to 4-H Youth Development Educational Programs, they do so without monetary expectation and yet give generously and graciously. During the 2020 4-H Youth Development Program year, approximately 7,402 hours (roughly 33 hours per year per volunteer with 226 volunteers) of 4-H Volunteer service hours were contributed to the Sheboygan County 4-H Program for a dollar value of **\$211,253.058**.

This spirit of volunteerism isn't limited to the adults in our program. The *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development*, a longitudinal study that began in 2002 and has been repeated over eight years with the Tufts University research team indicated that 4-H'ers in grades 7-12 are nearly four times more likely to be actively engaged in their communities than their peers. In fact, one of the essential elements of positive youth development involves Generosity. Young people need to have the opportunity to discover who they are by gaining exposure to the larger community and the world. 4-H engages youth in this opportunity through service to others—our 4-H clubs have served over 148 different organizations through their service in the last year alone.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT...

Sarah Tarjeson: 4-H Youth Development Educator sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu Phone: 920-459-5915
Tammy Zorn: Support Staff tammy.zorn@wisc.edu Phone: 920-459-5904

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