



Marshall County Update

Greetings 4-H Families:

I am very excited to be writing my very first Marshall County 4-H newsletter and to introduce myself to you. My name is Alysa Tulibaski and I am your new 4-H Program Coordinator. I am no stranger to 4-H, the county or the state of Minnesota. I was a 4-Her for many years and grew up in a 4-H family in North Dakota. I have lived in Argyle, Minnesota with my husband for 10 years and we have two boys: Declan (6 years) and Clayton (3 years). Both my husband and I value and cherish what 4-H taught us through our membership in our clubs, working with our livestock, completing projects and entering them at our local county fairs and state fairs and the leadership skills that we developed through the opportunities 4-H provided us. I very excited to pass on these values and opportunities, to not only my own children, but to all of Marshall County, Minnesota. Now with a new person there will be change, but I want to reassure you that I am here to serve you, listen to your requests and needs, and to provide you with the knowledge to empower yourselves. I look forward to seeing you at your local club meetings, our local 4-H events, Federation Meetings, the Marshall County Fair and the greatest gathering in the state...The Great Minnesota Get-Together, the Minnesota State Fair. Let's make this a great year!

YELLO! 2018 date: June 12-15

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud! (YELLO!) is an exciting and fun, citizenship and leadership conference planned and facilitated by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors. YELLO! Brings together over 300 youth from across Minnesota and the nearby region to hear motivational speakers, take part in hands-on activities, engage in a service-learning project, and explore fun and educational opportunities in the region. Participants get to meet other youth across the region and plan for action in their home communities through a youth-teaching-youth model.

It is open to any youth who had completed the 7th grade.

If any youth attend from Marshall County we will be in need of a chaperone. Federation will pay for all chaperone fees, but you must complete the Leader Screening.

The fee to take part in YELLO! is \$250. The fee covers all meals, lodging, activities, transportation and admission for a field trip and service project, an event chaperone, and a t-shirt (adult sizes only). The Federation will pay up to \$100.00 per member plus transportation to the Twin Cities.

Please contact the Marshall County Extension office for more information or if you have any questions.

Winter Weather Announcements

Winter weather is here, tune into our local radio stations to hear weather related announcements. For postponements and cancellations due to stormy weather, please listen to KTRF, KKAQ or KROX radio stations. If the weather is bad or the forecast is for worsening conditions stay home and assume the meeting or activity will be cancelled or postponed. Your safety and wellbeing is our first concern.



Beef & Dairy Steer Weigh In and ID

Weighing and identifying 4-H market livestock: Market beef (steers & heifers) and dairy steers need to be done by February 15, 2018. ID forms are due in the office by February 14, 2018. A letter will be send out to youth enrolled in these project areas at a later date.

4-H Federation Meeting

The next Federation meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marshall County Courthouse basement meeting room in Warren. Please try to have a representative from your club present at these meetings. Topics we will discuss are YELLO! and social media use.

Enrollment

For 2018 you will enroll online at www.4honline.com

This year we are encouraging you to share 4-H with someone new: a friends, a family member, a classmate, or a neighbor. Help us share 4-H with more of Marshall County.

If you have not already enrolled for this 4-H year, please do so to ensure that you are on the mailing list for the projects you are enrolled in for the upcoming year. If you are unsure if you are enrolled, please call (800)745-5232 or stop by the Marshall County Extension office and we will help you.

Leader Screening

Remember if you want to chaperon you need to be screened. You can do this online at:

<https://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/>

There are 3 steps to complete to become a Minnesota 4-H Volunteer:

A= Application B= Background Check C= "See" the orientation

The application should be completed first, but the background check and orientation can be completed in any order. All 3 steps must be completed to become a screened 4-H volunteer.

Step A: Application The application can be downloaded at:

https://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/screening/application_volunteer_online_fill.pdf

You must fill out, print out and sign (original ink signature required) and submit it to your local 4-H staff or the Marshall County Extension office.

Step B: Background Check

All volunteers are required to complete a background check as part of the University of Minnesota's risk management strategy to prevent child abuse and ensure the safety of all youth participants. This process also protects the volunteers and the University of Minnesota. Youth remain our top priority and



we desire to promote and environment which encourages positive youth development. The University of Minnesota Extension conducts background check is in cooperation with The McDowell Agency, Inc. All information fathered in the screening is process is considered private and confidential. You may complete the Background Check EITHER online OR via mail or fax. Please use only ONE method so the 4-H Program does not incur duplicate costs. Instructions for completing the background check online can be found: https://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/screening/BC_instructions_short.pdf

Step C: “See” the Orientation

Orientation is part of the volunteer screening process and an excellent introduction to 4-H for new and prospective volunteers. You will learn how volunteers fit into the larger picture of 4-H and the University of Minnesota, and review our philosophy, policies and procedures.

You can find the online orientation at:

https://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/orientation/online/story_html5.html

If you need alternative formats: Units 1-6 are also available on DVD, contact Marshall County Extension office to get the DVD version.

Once you have completed the orientation it is vital that you complete the final step of “Notify Staff” to take a survey which notifies staff that you have completed the orientation. The survey also allows you to provide feedback about the orientation that will help future volunteers.

You will be notified of your acceptance as a volunteer after all three screening steps have been completed. All three steps must be completed BEFORE you begin serving as a 4-H volunteer. We need 2 leaders screened per club.

Leader Screening is a vital part of our 4-H program’s success and without our 4-H Volunteers we would not be able to do what we do. If you have any questions or need assistance with the Leader Screening process please feel free to visit us at the Marshall County Extension office or contact us at 218-745-5232.

Calendar

February

10-11 BLU

15 Beef & Dairy Steer ID’s Due online

19 Office closed Presidents Day

March

17 Regional Project Bowl, University of Minnesota Crookston

19 Federation meeting 7:30 p.m. Marshall County Courthouse, Warren – Basement meeting room