



Marshall County Update

Dear 4-H Families:

It's getting to be that time of the year where the 4-H schedule is filling up. Please watch deadlines for upcoming events. We encourage you to participate and become involved in these opportunities. Also, begin thinking about your fair projects and if you need to add or drop projects as the May deadline will be here before we know it. If you ever have any questions, please call the extension office.

Grow with 4-H!

YELLO

YELLO (Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Outloud will be held on June 12-15, 2018 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. It is open to any youth who has completed the 7th grade. Cost is approximately \$190.00 of which the Federation will pay up to \$100 per member plus transportation. If any youth attend from Marshall County we will be in need of a chaperone. Federation will pay for all chaperone fees. Please contact the extension office for more information.

Winter Weather Announcements

We are at the time of the year when stormy weather may occur at any time. 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 canceled or postponed.

4-H FEDERATION MEETING

The next Federation meeting will be held on **Monday, March 19** at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse basement meeting room in Warren. Please try to have a representative from your club at these meetings. Topics will include county wide project day and other upcoming 4-H events.

Enrollment

For 2018 you re-enroll on line at www.4honline.com. Please remember to re-enroll so you get on the mailing list for the projects you are enrolled in for the coming year. If you are not sure if you are enrolled, please call (800) 745-5232 or stop by the extension office and we will help you.

Fashion Revue/Demonstrations/Food Review/Performing Arts

Fashion & Food Reviews, Demos and Performing Arts will be held on June 19, 2018 beginning at 10 am at the E Free Church in Newfolden. Save the date! More information will follow.



Leader Screening

Remember if you want to chaperone you need to be screened. You can do this on line at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/> Click on becoming a Volunteer tab.

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

A = Application B = Background Check C = "See" the Orientation (and complete the survey).

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 is part of this packet. Or, you can download it at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/>. Click the "Becoming a Volunteer" tab. An original ink signature is required on the application. We cannot accept scanned or faxed signatures. If you fill out the application online, print and sign the signature page before submitting it to your local 4-H staff.

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 an environment which encourages positive youth development. The University of Minnesota Extension conducts background checks in cooperation with The McDowell Agency, Inc. All information gathered in the screening 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 are included in this packet. The fax number and address of The McDowell Agency is on the Background Check Release for those who choose the mail or fax option.

STEP C: "See" the ORIENTATION (and complete the survey) The 4-H Volunteer Orientation provides volunteers with an overview of the 4-H Youth Development Program and the key factors that will make your volunteer experience more meaningful for youth and adults. It also highlights the volunteer role in promptly reporting suspected abuse/neglect of minors to ensure the safety of all young people. There are 6 units to watch. It takes about 40 minutes to view all 6 units. Here are the steps to locate and view the orientation online: 1) Open the webpage <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/>. 2) Find the "Become a Volunteer" tab. 3) Under the "Application Process" section, click the link for orientation. 4) Click the play button to start watching unit 1. 5) Continue watching units 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. 6) When you have finished watching all 6 units, scroll down to "Last Step: Notify Staff" to take a survey which notifies staff that you have completed the orientation. Other formats: Units 1-6 are also available on DVD. Completing the survey is key! It notifies staff that you have completed orientation. It also allows you to provide feedback about the orientation that will help future volunteers. WHAT'S NEXT? You will be notified of your acceptance as a volunteer after all 3 screening steps have been completed. All 3 steps must be completed BEFORE you begin serving as a 4-H volunteer.



SPRING 2018 SS&W Leader Certification Training !

This 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife training is designed for adults and youth that lead or would like to lead training in shooting sports, wildlife, or ATV safety. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of Coordinator, Archery, Rifle/Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Wildlife, and ATV Safety. This training meets the 4-H project leaders' requirements for certification and recertification. Although there is range & field time allocated in the schedule, the majority of the training is classroom work to become an effective instructor, not to practice your own shooting or riding skills. The PDC recommends that leaders attend the entire certification weekend every 5 years.

NEW!! 4-H ATV Safety Program Leader Certification! Participants interested in instructing the 4-H ATV Safety Project in their counties must be certified through the Minnesota 4-H ATV Safety Leader Certification Training. At the training, volunteers will be certified in the DNR ATV Instructor Certification, Tread Lightly! Program, and 4-H ATV Safety through classroom and field riding experiences. Instructors will also be educated on how to form an 4-H ATV Project in their counties, risk management, and program planning. This certification is for adult volunteers, only. There are pre-requisites for the DNR portion - please see the cover letter for details.

- April 21-22, 2018 - Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisades, MN

Information, registration, and schedule are NOW AVAILABLE at <https://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/shooting-sports-certification/index.html>. This will be the only training this spring. **Deadline for registering is April 6, 2018.**

Calendar

March

19 Federation Meeting 7:30 p.m. Warren courthouse basement meeting room

April

21- 22 SS & W Certification Training @ Hackensack, MN

May

1 YELLO registration deadline

15 4-H animal ID deadline

29 Office Closed