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THE BARRON COUNTY BEACON

Barron County 4-H Newsletter

Share Your Talents!

Send in your pictures or videos so we can see what you're up to in 4-H!

What's Happening?

As we transition to summer in Barron County 4-H, I wanted to take the time to send out a "mini" newsletter for the month of June. We have a lot of unknowns at this time, and I didn't want to send out a big newsletter of already outdated information.

Here's what I know as of June 1, 2020. ALL June in-person 4-H programming is currently on hold. A detailed explanation of the plan to ease back into programming can be found on the back of this document. Any programming/meetings that can be held virtually, should be held virtually. The slow transition to upto 10 participants can hopefully begin in July.

The Barron County Fair Board will make a decision on the 2020 Barron County Fair at it's regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10. The 4-H Adult Leaders Association, and the Livestock Committee will meet to make any adjustments to 4-H programming related to the fair. All 3 of these meetings will provide us with needed information, please be patient as we work out how things will look based on whatever the outcome. All of this is done with the 4-H youth in mind.

As always, please let me know if you have questions, comments, or concerns. The fastest way to reach me is still e-mail at sara.waldron@wisc.edu, or you can call me at 715-537-6253. Please make sure you call the office before stopping by to make sure someone is in.

Sincerely,

Sara Waldron
4-H Program Educator

Summer Events/Activities

Upcoming Events/Activities

Make sure you watch your email and mail about some great upcoming events. Here's a sneak peak at some new things happening this summer.

4-H GooseChase- sign-up and take part in a countywide photo/video scavenger hunt. Sign-ups and dates will be available in the next newsletter.

Cloverbud Show and Tell- Hey Cloverbuds! We want to know what you're up to. Join us for a short Zoom session once a month in June, July, and August to show and tell us about something you have or that you've made. If you don't have internet access, you can call in and hear what everyone is talking about. If that doesn't work either, please send a picture or drawing to Sara to share on your behalf! Contact info will be included in the official flyer you'll receive in the mail!

Summer Adventure Guide- Look out for a fun filled adventure guide for Cloverbuds, and for youth finishing up grades 3-4. It will be packed full of summer activities that can be done on your own or with your family. When you complete the packet, you will receive a certificate and a badge!

Houseplants Project- Be on the lookout for information about a new county-wide project on houseplants. Participants will use zoom to learn about plants and will receive their own plant to take care of. Have fun watching them grow with friends.

2020 Barron County Fair

Barron County Fair - The Barron County Fair Board will make a decision about the status of the 2020 Barron County Fair at it's regular meeting on June 10. The result of this decision will be posted on the Barron County Fair Facebook Page and communicated to you through e-mail and on the Barron County Extension website.

Fair Registration - The 2020 Fair registration deadline is on June 19. You can find registration information on the Barron County Fair website: <http://www.barroncountyfair.com/>

Fair FAQ - If you're wondering what role Extension plays in the fair, check out this Fair FAQ page. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>

2020 Cancellations

Wisconsin State Fair- Cancelled for 2020

Barron County 4-H Softball - Cancelled for 2020

Other- Please follow Facebook, or check website at <http://barron.extension.wisc.edu>

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Guidelines

In-Person Events/Activities

JUNE- **Virtual/Online events** are preferred, please plan to focus on these types of programs for the remainder of the summer.

***SOME in-person but “No-contact” programs** can begin to take place, but **MUST** get approval.

“No-contact” programs are defined as programs that:

- o cannot be conducted virtually
- o are held outdoors
- o have only one youth or household engaged at a time

(*Note: household members may help ensure a child is never alone with an adult*)

- o are staggered so there is no contact, if more than one youth/household is engaged, and any shared equipment is sanitized between uses

Some examples include:

- o one-at-a-time/staggered times dog obedience training, horse riding lesson, or individual animal project work
- o one household-at-a-time/staggered times community gardening and service projects
- o supply sharing and sales using curb-side pick-up/delivery methods.

Activities that clearly meet the “no-contact” guidelines will move forward. Work with your 4-H Educator to seek organizational approval. These will be the exception and not the rule. **They will be limited to things that cannot be accomplished virtually.**

WHEN READY – and no sooner than July 1, 4-H

programs may begin for Small Groups with an approved plan. We are currently planning to move to “small-group” meetings and activities of 10 or fewer people that allow social distancing. Before we can move to this phase, both staff and volunteers must be trained on safety procedures. Plans will need to be created using the Extension template and shared with the 4-H Program Educator who will seek organizational approval.

NEXT STEPS -- Anything can happen, and we are open to making changes as conditions improve. We hope to scale up to larger groups of no more than 50 by the end of the summer. And it seems unlikely that 4-H will organize programs or participate in any activity or event with more than 50 participants for a considerable time.

REMINDER: Overnight camp and travel programs are cancelled through August.

Remember, this plan was made with safety in mind. As things evolve, this plan can change.

Contact Sara (sara.waldron@wisc.edu or 715-537-6253) to work on a plan with clear guidelines for event approval through the right channels.

Barron County 4-H Clubs & Contacts

1)	Country Siders	Kaylee Lemler	715-658-1066
2)	Friendly Farmers	Erin Owens Elizabeth Smith	715-790-9230 715-205-4529
3)	Kids From Cameron	Barb Lancaster	715-658-1988
4)	Prairie Hustlers	Kirsten Huth Saundra Linton	715-764-2097 715-924-4870
5)	Prairie Lake Eagles	Joyce Nelson	715-458-1944
6)	Sioux Creek Go Getters	Dawn Knutson Carolyn Blumer	715-642-1639 715-764-2000
7)	Junior Beavers	Melissa Weaver Greg Weaver	715-419-0500
8)	Barronett Dragons	Kathy Thompson	715-822-5286
9)	Vermillion Cruisers	Emily Drafall Heather Colburn Michelle Stouffer	715-419-0629 715-357-6404 715-822-2823
10)	Columbia Livewires	Carie Peterson	715-651-4545
11)	Section Ten	Tamala Anderson	715-419-0421
12)	Marquette	Cathy Solum	715-234-6874
13)	Pacemakers	Janice Solum	715-651-7698
14)	Country Kids	Lynn Kettenacker	715-986-2505
15)	North Star	Diana Bazewicz	715-641-0926
16)	Poskin Jets	Elisha Putzke David Frandsen	715-790-3683 715-790-0067
17)	Peppy Pals	Michelle Klefstad	715-556-9868
18)	Prairie Farm Pals	Tammy Rassbach Becky Segebrecht	715-418-0193 715-505-1413
19)	Brill Harvesters	Bill Holt Jennifer Lindemans	715-651-9846 715-205-9676
20)	Doyle Juniors	Amanda Alton	715-651-2834
21)	Rock Creek	Kori Richter Kara Tarpenning	715-590-2495 715-931-0721
22)	Northern Lights Lights	Karen Germanson Jamie Kunesch	715-236-9123 715-790-0938
23)	Pepperettes & Beavers	Katrina Brunclik Sarah Hamner	715-205-7393 715-651-4144

Be Informed.

During the next few months, it will be more important than ever to stay informed.

Check in with your Club Leader

Check Project Facebook groups/Pages

Check the County Facebook Page

Check the County Extension Page

Open your mail

Read your e-mail.



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If you aren't receiving e-mail, or other communication, please let us know.