

WINNEBAGO COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

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2023-24 WISCONSIN 4-H PROGRAM BOOKLET

See all the amazing programs and educational experiences that WI 4-H has to offer this year! Learn about trips, camps, animals, and more!

State and National 4-H Educational Experiences!
See pgs. 26-28

Program Booklet: <https://adobe.ly/493qbxD>



4-H Summer Camp Counselor Opportunity!

See page 19



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 11/3 Pizza Set Up @ Sunnyview Expo
- 11/4 Pizza Making @ Sunnyview Expo
- 11/5 Cloverbud Blast (registration required)
- 11/8 Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30PM @ JPCC
- 11/16 Dog Project Meeting 6:30PM JPCC
- 11/18 People of the Waters Tour (registration required)
- 11/19 Ambassador meeting 6:30PM @ Joe's home
- 11/23 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
- 11/24 Office Closed
- 11/27 Horse & Pony Project 7PM @ JPCC



December

- 12/3 Parkview Parade - Meet in JPCC parking lot at 3PM
- 12/3 Rabbit Holiday Project Party 11AM @ JPCC
- 12/9 Winneconne Holiday Parade
- 12/10 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Interviews 1PM @ JPCC
- 12/10 4-H Holiday Cookie Exchange (registration required) 3PM at JPCC
- 12/25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed
- 12/26 Office Closed
- 12/29 Office Closed
- 1/1 Happy New Year! Office Closed



4-H Club Meetings

*some meetings may vary from time to time

Date	Club	Time
1st Sunday	4-H Friends	3:00PM
1st Monday	Plain V-U	7:00PM
1st Tuesday	Golden Oak Kountry Kidz	7:00PM 6:00PM
2nd Sunday	Allenville Meadows Lakeshore County Line Newcomers Poygan Go Getters Zion 3-C	6:00PM 2:00PM 3:00PM 5:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM
2nd Monday	White Cedars	6:30 PM
2nd Tuesday	Country Roots (May-Oct) Ridgeway Winchester	7:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM
2nd Thursday	Mears	6:30 PM
3rd Sunday	Westward	6:30PM
4th Monday	Horse & Pony Project	7PM

RE-ENROLLMENT



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



2023-2024 4-HOnline Re-enrollment will open on Sept. 5th

Closes 11/20/23

For instructions on how to enroll using 4HOnline visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-e-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Types:

If you would like to be affiliated with a specific 4-H club or group, you **MUST** select **CLUB VOLUNTEER**. From there, you can select which type of club volunteer suits you best.

If you plan to be an overnight chaperone, you **MUST** choose **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER** and then choose **Overnight Adult Advisor / Chaperone**

If you are a project leader and want to be affiliated with a specific club, you **MUST** select **CLUB VOLUNTEER** and then select Club Project Leader

If you are a project leader and **do not** want to be affiliated with a club, select **PROJECT VOLUNTEER**. From there, you can select which type suits you best

A description of Volunteer Roles can be found here:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/become-a-volunteer/>

NOTE: Additional or new training and/or updated background checks may be required when re-enrolling. Please keep an eye out for emails regarding these updates. See back side of this page for various volunteer training requirements.

Volunteers wear many hats! You can choose one or multiple volunteer types.

** If your club has multiple Co-Leaders, please document each Co-Leader's list of duties or areas that they are co-leading or responsible for. Keep a copy for your club files and email a copy to: dana.berger@wisc.edu

Approving Adult Volunteers:

After the 4-H Program Coordinator (Dana) has approved an adult volunteer, a Volunteer Agreement letter will be emailed to the volunteer from the State Office. This letter will confirm the volunteer role(s) and will provide a link to the appropriate volunteer role description.

PLEASE NOTE: The content of the Volunteer Agreement Letter outlines the dates that volunteer is covered by liability insurance and essentially serves as a contract between the volunteer and Extension.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

Volunteer Hours & Youth Service Hours:

As a returning volunteer, please be sure to enter accurate volunteer hours. This information is important and reported statewide and nationally.

Paper Enrollments: Please contact the Extension office for paper enrollment forms if needed.

Project Guide and Listing can be found at: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/projects/>

Please Contact the Extension Office with Any Questions: (920) 232-1974

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment Closes 11/20/23

Winnebago County 4-H Project Listing

1. Make a list of all the things you would like learn about.
2. Compare your list with the Projects (**in Bold**) and their examples (not bold)
3. Sign up for the Projects (**in Bold**) that you are even slightly interested in!
Pay attention if your areas of interest states "Also sign up for..." This will help when it comes to sign up for fair entries in the spring.

**Project Selection Deadline
for Fair Entry :**

**January 31st
(no changes allowed past this date)**

Youth Leadership

Ambassadors, Project Leaders, Officers

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds Youth Leader

Exploring

Service Learning & Citizenship

Self Determined

Beef

Cats

Dairy

Dogs

Small Animals & Pets

Caged Birds

Cavies

Pets

Exotic Animals

Goats

(listed as Dairy Goats)

Horses

All Horses

Clothes Horse

Model Horse

Horseless Horse

Poultry

Bantams

Pigeons

Turkeys

Waterfowl

Rabbits

Swine

Sheep

Veterinary Science

Communication Arts

(listed as Communication)

Creative Writing

Demonstrations

Sign Language

Speaking

Performing Arts

(listed as Theater Arts)

Clowning

Dance

Juggling

Music

Theater Arts

Visual Arts

(listed as Art)

Arts & Crafts

Block Printing

Folk Arts

Leathercraft

Metal Enameling

Computer Art

Photography

Incl. Videography

Family, Home & Health

(listed as Home Environment)

Child Development

Health

Home Environment

Intergenerational Programs

Consumer Education

(listed as Consumer Savvy)

Consumer Savvy (also sign up for clothing)

Entrepreneurship

Personal Finance

Workforce Readiness

Foods & Nutrition

Cake Decorating

Food Preservation

Foods & Nutrition

Microwave Cooking

Clothing & Textiles

Sewing

Clothing

Quilting (also sign up for Family Home & Health)

Crocheting

Knitting

Mechanical Sciences

Automotive

Bicycles

Model Rocketry

Scale Models

Small Engines

Tractors

JLEGOs

Computers

Electricity

Woodworking

Natural Resources Envir. Ed.

(listed as Explore Your Environment)

Astronomy

Birds

Entomology

Exploring Your Environment

Fishing

Forestry

Geology

Maple Syrup

Recycling

Water

Wildflowers

Wildlife

Adventures

Backpacking

Canoeing

Bicycling

Winter Travel

Shooting Sports

Crops

Vegetables & Fruits

(listed as Vegetables)

Flowers & House Plants

(listed as Flowers)

Home Grounds

Plant Crafts

STEM

Wind Energy

Areospace

Geospatial

Robotics (also sign up for Mechanic Science)

Chemistry

Physics

International Programs

RE-ENROLLMENT

Exploring 4-H for New Families Member Edition



Pick a Project!

Go through the list below and circle the letters of the things you like to do best. At the end, tally your results to find your major project areas of interest. For your first year, it's best to pick only one or two projects from your top major project area. You can always add more later!

H. I like to build with LEGOs	E. I like to sew	H. I like rockets
C. I like to help younger kids	F. I like learning about insects	G. I grow crops for my animals
H. I want to be an engineer	D. I enjoy my family traditions	B. I like to take pictures
G. I like fairy gardens	F. I like hunting	D. I want to learn about my own history
H. Rube Goldberg Machines interest me	E. I like to help around the house	H. I am interested in how robots work
C. I would like to be a camp counselor	A. I like to ride horses	B. I like puppets
A. I like taking care of sick or baby animals	B. I like to draw or do crafts	F. I care about the environment
B. I like to make scrapbooks	G. I want to have a flower garden	C. I like to lead and organize events
H. I like to work on engines	H. I want to learn about computers	E. I like to bake or cook
G. I want to learn how to grow vegetables	E. I would like to be a teacher	C. I want to be a leader
B. I like collecting things	H. I like radio-controlled cars	H. I like geography and maps
H. I am interested in outer space	F. I like being outdoors	A. I like snakes
E. I like babysitting	G. I like to garden	B. I like to act or sing
E. I like to decorate my room	H. I like to build things	C. I would like a project to help me find a future career
F. I like riding ATVs	H. I like to code	A. I like teaching my dog tricks

Totals: A: ___ B: ___ C: ___ D: ___ E: ___ F: ___ G: ___ H: ___

A: Animal Science

B: Arts & Communication

C: Community Involvement

D: Cultural Projects

E: Family, Home, & Health

F: Outdoor Education

G: Plant & Soil Sciences

H: STEM

Adapted from Ohio State University's "Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better, Version 2.0 Pick a Project," by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator UW-Madison Division of Extension

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

4-H Ambassadors

Spread the good news of
4-H and join the...
AMBASSADOR TEAM!



The **AMBASSADOR TEAM** is made up of youth in grades 6 and up.

Pictured L to R: McKenzie Murphy, Evan Numrich, Melanie Zillges, Madison Plungy, Finn Lettau, Hailey Domke, Joe Kuehl

They work together to:

- Plan events such as 4-H Fun Day and Chalk on the Boardwalk
- Build and decorate a float for summer parades and pass out promotional materials to the parade-goers
- Learn how to create and paint barn quilts for our Barn Quilt Fundraiser
- Have fun! Every summer they plan a field trip

Questions? Call Joe Kuehl—(920) 836-1736

**NEXT MEETING: 11/19/23 AT 6:30 PM
at Joe's home**



Join us at the Winneconne Holiday Parade!

**DECEMBER 9TH
Meet at Jim Selle's farm at 2:30 PM to decorate
(located at 5310 Hwy 116)**



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Join Our Youth Adventure Committee!

What does YAC do?

YAC will meet to plan two fun-filled activities for 4-H youth to attend. The YOUTH decide on and help plan the outings.

Any Winnebago County 4-H youth in grades 6-12 can join YAC.

How does my teen sign up?

It's simple! Please complete the 2023-24 sign-up form:

<https://bit.ly/3Ph4SAH>

Parents/Guardians: Please consider helping out by being a chaperone at one or more YAC events!



Save the Date!
Winnebago County 4-H Funday!
February 3rd, 2024



NEW LOCATION
Perry Tipler Middle School



FUNDRAISING

Beautiful Barn Quilts

Barn quilts not only look great on the side of a barn or shed, they also look great as front porch décor! Our very own Joe Kuehnl does an amazing job of painting the barn quilts. Let Joe know what design you would like!

Sizes Offered Include:

2x2 \$75

4x4 starting at \$175

8x8 starting at \$300

To Order Call: (920) 836-1736



4-H PIZZA MAKING NOVEMBER 4, 2023



We need your help to make pizzas!
Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3QVA9KI>



Fall Banquet Photos

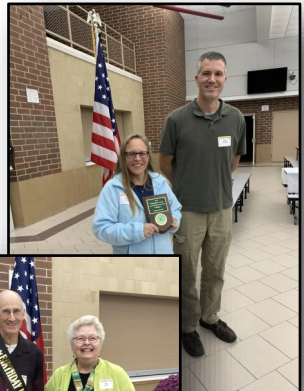


← Herb Numrich & Josh George

Victoria Ewald & Steve Thiemke →

Steve Thiemke & Jenny Numrich

↓ Joe Kuehnl & Kay Lettau ↓



FALL BANQUET

Congratulations 2023 4-H Family Banquet Award Winners

Friend In 4-H: Carol Janssen – Key leader

Friend Of 4-H: Culvers Westowne Ave, Oshkosh

Volunteer of the Year: Steve Thiemke - Winchester

Alumni Award: Victoria Ewald – Key Leader

Lifetime Award: Joe Juehn - Winchester

Youth Leadership Awards

Gabrielle Hostettler - White Cedars

Emma Cegielski - White Cedars

Addison Cegielski - White Cedars

Finn Lettau – Winchester

Youth Challenge Awards

Anna Thiemke - 4-H Friends

Paige Woelfel - White Cedars



Paige Woelfel, Anna Thienke, Victoria Ewald



Finn Lettau, Gabby Hostettler, Emma Cegielski, Addison Ccegielski



Gerry Marks & Carol Janssen



FALL BANQUET

2023-2024 Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association Board

Shawn Achterberg - Key Leader

Lisa Dautes - County Line

Joe Kuehnl - Winchester

Brenda Nuite - Ridgeway

Nancy Pieper - Ridgeway

Steve Thiemke - Winchester

Anne Zillges - Winchester

Madison Oeftger (Youth) -Ridgeway

Lilly Plungy (Youth) - Ridgeway

Madison Plungy (Youth) -Ridgeway

Melanie Zillges (Youth) -Winchester



4-H Interstate Exchange News

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 4-H Interstate Exchange at the WIHA Horse Show and 4-H Banquet. We greatly appreciate it.

We're in process of planning our travels to Montgomery County, PA.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

4-H Friends

The September 10th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3:01pm, and the pledges were said. 12 members, 4 leaders, and 8 parents were present. We collected record books at the meeting. The club was reminded to re-enroll for the next 4-H year, that pizza making is coming up & to sell pizzas. October 21 is the family banquet, and November 5th is Cloverbud Blast. We have a new Cloverbud named Chaz & we encouraged him to attend. Feedback on the County Fair was also given by the members. They said the judges were more fair and the dairy judge was better but was a little fast for the new kids that showed. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:22pm was made by Max and seconded by Aspen.

Minutes submitted by Anna Thiemke



Poygan Go-Getters

The September meeting of the Poygan Go-Getters was called to order at 4:02 on September 24 by President Lilly Giddings. We did roll call and went over any new families which were the Hughes family and Dorothy Bongert and if there were any September birthdays there were none. Some adults volunteered to do committee jobs such as Treasurer- Jen Mcollian, Fundraising- Melissa Noffke, Snack Committee- Aaron Larson, and craft/ activities committee, Sheila Koyen and Toni Albright. We announced graduating Clover buds and congratulated them. We read over the bylaws and talked about voting for new officers at our next meeting, on Oct. 8. We voted for the secretary to be able to run they would have to be in 6th grade or older. The rest of the positions President, Vice president, and Treasurer all have to be in 7th grade or higher. At this time we will not be having a historian or a reporter. Our Halloween party will be held this Thursday at Omro Bowhunters and we will be voting on pumpkins and costumes. Reid Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ava Larson seconded it. The meeting ended at 5:15 and there were cookies and drinks provided after the meeting

CLUB HAPPENINGS

County Line

On September 10, 2023 the County Line 4-H Club meeting was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Clayton, Wisconsin and was called to order by president Lark Scott at 3:07 p.m. Lark Scott led us in the pledges, following a repeat after my style so our club can start to learn the 4-H pledge better. Minutes from June were not read as they were not available so they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

For old business, we heard about the June field trip to Ledgeview. Everyone agreed that the Vice President would automatically move into president position the next year. Atlas Dauntes made a motion, Maxine Harlemann seconded the motion, and the motion was passed. Pizza orders are due at the October meeting, and pizza making is happening on November 4th. Members should sign up to attend the awards banquet on October 21st. For our October meeting we will hold a potluck with installation of our new board members. Maxine Harlemann made a motion for the club to provide drinks. Brynn Perkins seconded the motion and the motion was passed. We discuss different speakers we hope to have for the year, and also played an ice breaker with letters and names. Elections were held to vote for our new club leaders for next year. Brynn Perkins will be President. Vice President will be Maxine Harlemann. Treasurer will be Lark Scott. Historian will be Gabe Scott. Brynn Perkins made a motion to destroy the ballots. Maxine Harlemann seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Next meeting will be October 8th. Bring your potluck item, a show and tell form the fair, and we will install our new officers, Violet Lane made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Gabe Scott seconded. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Ridgeway

The Ridgeway 4-H Meeting was called to order at Immanuel Lutheran Church 7:08 PM on Tuesday September 12, 2023. Pledges were led by Mari Oeftger and the Cloverbuds. The Secretary's minutes were shared by Secretary Marie Dums and then there were no corrections or additions to the secretary's minutes. A motion was made by Charlie Spielbauer and a second by Joey Nowak. The motion was carried with minor discussion. Then, the Treasurer's Report was shared by Lilly Plungy and filed for audit. New members for this meeting were Samuel Davies, Elaina, Hannah, Paul and Dan.

Moving on to old business, Evan Numrich gave a preview of the Spin the Wheel prizes. Following that, Jazelle Nowak led pop up reports for the Historian reports: Mari and Madison Oeftger, Evan Numrich and Lilly Plungy shared about Drama Company and the Summer Academies; Stephanie LaChey shared about Clothing Review and Sewing Camp; Madison Oeftger and Evan shared about Camp Counselor training; Madison and Mari Oeftger, Lilly Plungy and Evan Numrich shared about Summer Camp; Mrs. Numrich shared about Chicken Quest; Madison and Mari Oeftger, Lilly Plungy, Ethan and George Spielbauer shared about the Watercolor Make N Take; Madison, Max, Sam, Alivia, Evan, Mari, Lilly shared about Mt. Olympus; many members shared about Winnebago County Fair judging and going to the Fair; Madison, Mari, Lilly and Margaret shared about Cloverbud Camp; Evan Numrich shared about the Wisconsin State Fair; and finally, Madison, Mari, Lilly, Ethan and Charlie Spielbauer shared about the Adult/Older Youth Planning Meeting. Following that, Madison and Mari shared more about Drama Company and their experience there. Members were invited to take part in a Theatre Arts day led by Madison Oeftger and Mrs. Numrich, and also encouraged to sign up for icebreakers/demos/meeting hosts.

Moving onto new business, members were reminded that they are eligible for youth stipends if they lead project meetings. Members were also informed that from our Barlow Planetarium fundraiser, *everyone's fundraising goal of 5 dollars would be waived for the year!*

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Ridgeway Cont.

A motion was made to approve this alteration to the fundraising money requirement for this year by Marcy Nowak, and a second was made by Margaret. The motion carried. Mrs. Numrich revealed our Charter Smart Goals and then what we would be doing as activities at each meeting, ranging from demos to music activities to make and takes. Members were reminded about record book drop off by October 1st at the Numrich house. There was also a request made for percussion shakers from the club for our January and March meetings. A motion was made by Jazelle Nowak and a second by Max Oeftger. The motion carried. Members were also advised about Ridgeway's Achievement Night coming up in October. Members were also then encouraged to attend upcoming fall activities such as: Sunflower/Pumpkin contest 9/30; 4-H Family Banquet 10/21; Fall Forum 11/4-11/5; apply for YAC or Youth Ambassadors; Pizza Making 11/4 (a Pizza Chair is needed). With no other business, a motion was made by Evan Numrich to adjourn the meeting and a second by Hannah. With minor discussion, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

The activity for the evening was officer elections and refreshments were provided by the Numrich/LaChey families. Our next club meeting is October 10th, 2023. Our newly elected officers for the 2024 year will be: Nolan Smith (President), Evan Numrich (VP), Lilly Plungy (Alt. VP), Madison Oeftger (Secretary), Mari Oeftger (Alt. Secretary, Alt. Treasurer), Ethan Spielbauer (Treasurer), Julian Morris (Historian), Alivia Haller (Sergeant at Arms, Alt. Historian), Margaret Morris (Alt. Sergeant at Arms)

Spin the Wheel winners:

Lilly Plungy
Marcy Nowak
Jack
George
Alivia
Margaret
Jazelle



Join Ridgeway for the Parkview Holiday Parade! December 3rd

Meet at JPCC parking lot
at 3PM
(earlier if you need to decorate
your vehicle)

They will be taking a few
laps around the Parkview
grounds.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

White Cedars

Monday, September 11, 2023. Club Meeting was held at Butte des Morts Lions Club. Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Kenna.

Pledges- were led by the Paige and Skadahh Twins.

Roll Call- 20 members present, 9 Adults present.

Vice President Kat, read the county highlights from the [September/October Newsletter](#)

Icebreaker: Led by Emma and Lexi. We all made “Why I Love 4-H” posters, and we did a “Trail Mix Q & A” to learn a little more about each other.

Cloverbud project: Led by Lexi, the Cloverbuds and Explorers up through grade 5 colored some fall artwork, and played games.

Demonstration: Emma gave a great visual demonstration on the American Spirit Trip!

Old/New Business

Foods – November 3rd and November 23rd potential Feeding America days for our club (ages 10 and older can participate). Saturday, October 11th we have a spot reserved for our club with the UW Extension Farmers Market program.

Small Engines- The club received a \$40 donation for work done on a donated small engine that the youth worked on.

Horse + Pony- September 25th, 7pm JPCC meeting - achievement Books are due. WIHA show is Sept 30-Oct 1st.

Backpacking/Survival & Adventures- Everyone start thinking of ideas. Some things thrown out were winter tubing, rock climbing overnight in Milwaukee, sleeping in a bat cave, etc.

Dogs- September 21st 6:30pm at JPCC meeting.

Rabbits-September 17th 1pm meeting at JPCC. Pizza included. Great time for new members to maybe pick up a bunny from Remi.

Other Business

Club Elections - Our new officers for 23-24 are:

President: Kat Skadahh, Vice President: Lexie Palecek, Secretary: Gabby Hostettler.

Treasurer: Paige Woelfel, Historians/Reporters: Zoe Skadahh

Recreational Leaders: Lanie Palecek, Leah Hale, Blakeleigh Last

Club Charter - Together we discussed the club charter for the new club year. We set a goal to encourage more adults to be project leaders or provide a learning experience for youth in an area that they have knowledge of. We also went through options that as a club we want to plan to do this year for field trips/activities, as well as fundraising.

YMCA Lock-In - November 11th-12th. Asked for feedback if we should run with that date as a club bring a friend, and everyone agreed that we should move forward with it, and have both swimming and ice skating. Zoe made a motion to do the Lock In on November 11-12th as a bring a friend, and Lexi seconded the motion.

Famous White Cedars: Addi will be attending the 4-H National Convention, Emma will be going to Fall Forum, Kat got three 1st placings at the WIHA show, Anna won the county I Love 4-H Poster Contest!

Birthday Bin: October birthdays: Paige

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motioned by Lanie and seconded by Zoe.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

White Cedars

Monday, October 9, 2023. Club Meeting was held at Butte des Morts Lions Club. Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Kenna.

Pledges- were led by Paige and Lexi.

Roll Call- 16 members present, 9 Adults present.

Icebreaker: Led by Chelsy. We all wrote down the name and flavors of our own ice cream, and presented them to the club. Chelsy will create a poll of those flavors on Facebook for everyone to vote on their favorites before the next meeting. If you are in the top 3 you are invited to make your flavor for all to try!

Cloverbud project: Led by Chelsy, the Cloverbuds and Explorers up through grade 5 made pumpkins out of applesauce and mandarin oranges.

Old/New Business

Sewing- Jenni will create a calendar of meetings on Facebook, so please watch for those meetings. Plans are for one project meeting every two months. Youth will be making a gift for others, a project for the club (remaking the club banner), a gift for community service (making capes and pillowcases for donation), and making a sewn project for themselves. **Horse + Pony-** Mandatory meeting in November, and October 23rd there will be voting.

Dogs- October 19th meeting at JPCC, will be meeting a therapy dog and making Halloween dog treats.

Other Business

Lock In - The club decided to keep the YMCA annual Lock In just to our club, in order to spend down our budget, but would still do a Bring a Friend (who could be a member of another club or a non-4-H member). Jenni will look into dates available with the YMCA for the end of October, start of November. All older youth should plan to stay after October's meeting and plan activities for the night. We will stick with both swimming and ice skating.

Elections next month - we agreed to use a google form to have youth toss their ring in the hat for the various elected positions. This way we will be able to have a ballet together that we can work off of at the next meeting. All youth interested in running for a position or more, should prepare a speech of why they would be good in this role, and be prepared to read it at the meeting. If they have a conflict, please send that speech to another adult/club member and it will be read for them at the meeting prior to voting on all positions.

Record Book Club Reading: October 3rd 6:30pm at Cegielski home. Potluck!

Famous White Cedars: Gabby took Grand Champion in Natural Sciences at the State Fair and a 5th in Computers. Cody advanced to Excellent in BMX and won his first Excellent level race! Emma competed in the first ever Bundt Cake competition at State Fair...it was stiff competition with all age levels participating, but she learned so much from the experience!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motioned by Zoe and seconded by Lexi.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Winchester

The regular meeting of the Winchester 4-H club was held on October 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Finn Lettau at 6:34 p.m. Madelyn Melby gave the Secretary's report. The club approved the minutes. Max Kieffer gave the treasurer's report. The club approved the report. Old business included the 4-H sunflower and pumpkin growing contest, records books, fair fees and club dues, charter renewal, and ideas for the club. New business included re-enrollment and signing up your child, Clover Buds and Clover Bud Blast, pizza making, food project community service, 4-H summer camp counselors, and the 4-H banquet. Emily gave a demonstration of her equestrian experience in Custer. The meeting was adjourned. Our club held the officer election. The positions are filled by the following: Melanie Zillges is the president, Finn Lettau is the Vice

president, Madelyn Melby is the Secretary, Lydia Melby is Sergeant at Arms, Marit Lettau is the Historian, Jackson Morton and Dakota Overton are the Alternates.

~Written by Madelyn Melby, Winchester 4-H Secretary.



White Cedars 4-H Club Officers

CLOVERBUDS

We are looking for a Volunteer 4-H Cloverbud Leader(s)!



Volunteer Description:

Provides leadership to the Winnebago County 4-H Cloverbud program by sharing knowledge and creating county-wide learning experiences for all 4-H Cloverbuds.

Responsibilities:

- Set annual goals in partner with 4-H Extension Educators
- Recruit new members and recognize graduating members
- Plan the yearly program and activities
- Conduct group activities and events that are fun and cooperative through an immediate, positive feedback response to the youth' involvement in the activity
- Work with parents and activity leaders

Time Required:

Monthly or Bi-monthly one-hour activity meetings and time required for prep and cleanup.

Target Dates:

- September: November Encourage enrollment and do program planning
- October – June: Monthly activity meetings/events
- August: Assist Cloverbuds with County Fair as needed
- November: Hold the 4-H Cloverbud Blast (graduation)

Qualifications:

A 4-H Cloverbud Leader should have or be willing to acquire:

- Good listening skills: Allow the youth & volunteers to share their thoughts/concerns/needs and address them or direct them to someone who can assist them.
- Knowledge: Have a good understanding of the 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H youth program and how it operates
- Interest in working with youth 5-7 years-old
- Time and energy to devote to the task

Works With:

4-H Club Leader Project Coordinators and 4-H Youth & Science Educator

Reports To:

4-H Program Educator

Contact: Dana Berger, Winnebago County 4-H Program Educator at 920-232-1984 or dana.berger@wisc.edu

4-H SUMMER CAMP

We Are Looking for 2024 4-H Summer Camp Counselors!

*Must be a 4-H youth in 9-13 grade.



There have been a few changes to the application and interview process, so please read the info carefully:

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/camp/>

Application, resume' and reference forms are due to the Extension Office by December 1st

Please note: Reference forms are only required for **new** high school camp counselors.

The interview process will look different from other years and will be fun! Here is what you need to know:

- Please prepare a 1 minute "commercial" to introduce yourself, summarize your leadership skills and tell us why you would be a good fit as a camp counselor. Your commercial should be taken seriously and considered as something you would prepare for a job interview.
- After the commercials are completed, we will break you up into groups and work in teams to complete a challenge assigned to you. Again, please take the challenge seriously. This will allow the interviewers to observe how you interact in a team as well as how you problem solve and strategize.
- Once the challenge is complete, the interviewers may have a few group questions for you to answer.

The GROUP Interview will take place on December 10th from 1:00-2:30 PM at the James P. Coughlin Center. The group interview is MANDATORY.



PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Winnebago County 4-H Project Enrichment Opportunity...

MUSEUM TOUR

People of the Waters at the Oshkosh Public Museum



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



NOVEMBER 18TH
10:30 AM
\$3 YOUTH
GRADES 5 & UNDER MUST HAVE ADULT PRESENT
\$8 ADULT



Register by 11/10 at: <https://bit.ly/3t4CzwR>

Featured Activity:
Participants will create a
Native American style basket!

In celebration of Native American Heritage month, come tour the People of the Waters exhibit which illustrates Native American culture that spans back over 12,000 years. This exhibit celebrates the survival of Wisconsin Native Nations and the states 11 tribal groups.

This event can be tied to the following 4-H projects and possible fair entries:

Other resources:

THE WAYS

The Ways is a collection of language and culture stories from Native communities around the central Great Lakes that explores traditional ways and those of today.

<https://pbswisconsineducation.org/the-ways/about/>

Project Alignment

Art
Adventures
Cloverbuds
Crops
Exploring
Natural Resources
Service Learning & Citizenship
Shooting Sports

Possible Fair Entries

basket, weavings, homemade paints from plants, food made by cooking over a fire, growing corn, squash & beans (3 sisters), maple syrup, hunting (archery), fishing, clay pots, arrowhead collection, diorama of Native American village, create powwow regalia, posters about anything related to the Native American exhibit and/or WI tribal lands, and treaties, etc.



PROJECT NEWS & INFO



Winnebago County
Rabbit Project invites you to...

HOPPY HOLIDAYS PARTY

Cookie decorating and
holiday crafts!

DECEMBER 3RD

11-2 PM @ JPCC
Please bring an appetizer,
snack or dish to pass.



Winnebago County

4-H Holiday Cookie Exchange

December 10
3:00-5:00pm @JPCC

Bring 4 dozen of one type of cookie or bar to exchange.
Bring 20 copies of your recipe.

Create a Holiday make n' take gift!
Fun music & Reindeer games!
Limited to 20 youth, so sign up soon!

Deadline to register is Dec 3rd
Register: <https://bit.ly/45xDPPc>

Dog Project

The Winnebago County Dog Project held their September 21 meeting at the JPCC. Wendy Good demonstrated the Magna Wave treatment for horses and small animals. Lola, a dog, was her model for the evening. The treatment is helpful for animals with arthritis and inflammation. Lola, 13.5 years old shows symptoms of arthritis.

She tolerated the treatment very well. Members discussed future meeting topics.

Lynsey Loewe from Collaborative Wellness and Health was the speaker for the October 19 meeting of the Winnebago County 4-H Dog Project at the JPCC. With the help of Griffin, her dog, she discussed dog therapy and its benefits. Many of our youth and adults are interested in training their dogs for therapy dogs. Members also created some ice cream flavors to enter in the Cedar Crest 4-H Flavor Contest.

As a Halloween activity Jennifer Hostettler had members baking delicious pumpkin cookies for their dogs.

Nov. 16 will be the next meeting at 6:30 at the JPCC. Topic to be announced.



Horse & Pony Project



We have our upcoming November Meeting which is mandatory. During this meeting there will be multiple breakout sessions which allows new and existing project members the opportunity to learn about all areas of the project. **The next project meeting will be held on November 27th at 7:00 pm and a board meeting at 6:00pm.**

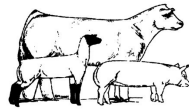
COUNTY NEWS & INFO

2023-2024 Meat Animal Board

Sharon Gibson -President
Dan Carpenter – Vice President
Cassie Borgardt – Secretary
Ben Gibson – Treasurer
Breana Egan – Sales Clerk
Jeff Gibson
Andy Ronk
Colby Gibson
Kevin Wegner
Chad Nickerson
Alissa Murray

**Next Meeting is
November 8th
at 7:30PM at
JPCC**

Winnebago County



Meat Animal Board

Junior Board

Madelyn Weis
Madelynn Poppy
Addie Gilson
Hailey Domke
Collin Albrecht
Layne Bradley

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)
Conservation Poster Contest

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2024

Sponsored by Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Dept.

- Open to youth in grades K-12 (public, private or homeschool)
- Posters must be the youth's original artwork, any media (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, etc. No computer-generated posters will be accepted)
- All posters must be created by an individual student (not a team)
- This year's theme "May The Forest Be With You Always" must be written on the poster (part of the poster design).
- Winning posters will advance from the County to the Area, State & National Contests

Entry Deadline: Dec 5, 2023

County Contest: Thursday, December 7
Area Contest: Friday, January 19 • State Contest: March, 2024

Contact the Land & Water Conservation Department for information & entry forms
Jody Bezio, jbezio@winnebagocountywi.gov or 920-232-1950
<https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/lwcd/information-and-education/poster-contest>

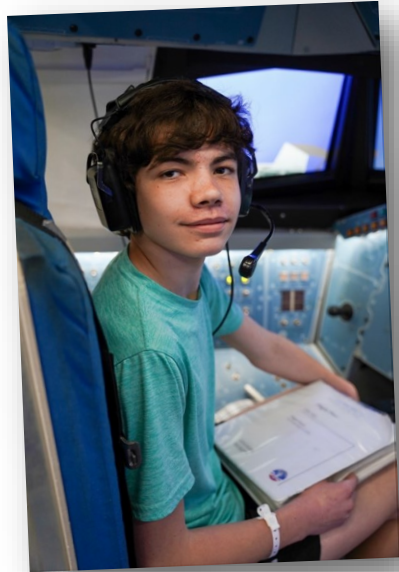
4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Space Camp

Submitted by: Max Thiemke

I fortunately had the opportunity to attend Space Camp. For my first time attending, I was absolutely astonished by the activities it included. I was greatly impressed with the large collection of space-oriented memorabilia and relics they had on display. From the full scale Saturn V to parts from the USA's first space station, it had everything and everything in between. Aside from that, they also had a fair amount of simulators, which as it suggests, simulated

different aspects of space travel, such as the MAT (Multi-Axis-Trainer), 'Missions', and the 5DF chair (Five Degrees Of Freedom). Throughout this entire experience I was put with a wonderful group of people, which made the trip all the more memorable and enjoyable. Overall, this event has been one of the most amusing adventures I have ever gone on, and I would do it time and time again, just to see, and experience how fascinating and incredible the Space & Rocket Center is.



4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

2023 American Spirit Experience

Are you a 4-H member ranging from grades 8-10? If so, American Spirit is an excellent way to encounter American History and to develop an appreciation for what our founding fathers went through to help make America the free country it is today! This great in-person learning experience is offered every year in June to 4-H'ers from around the state of Wisconsin! I, Jazelle Nowak, was one of the fortunate participants to embark on this experience!

To start things off, we all met up at a hotel in Portage, Wisconsin. I was part of the week-one experience group that went from the 2nd of June, to the 11th and was led by Ms. Amber Rehberg. So many kids from all over the state applied for the experience; I however, was from Winnebago County--along with some other kids from my county. In my group, I had 5 adult chaperones, 44 other participants, and one bus driver.

One responsibility that all the participants had was that we each had to give a "teachable moment." A teachable moment is a 10-15 min. discussion and activity about one of the topics on our journey. My teachable moment was on our country's National Anthem.

Our group traveled from the Indiana Dunes, to the Liberty Bell in Philly, to Boston, Massachusetts, and all the way to Niagara Falls in Canada! Since we were going to Canada, I had to learn how to apply for a passport. A few of my favorite parts were a nighttime bus tour we took in New York City and whale watching in Massachusetts! This year, we spotted a Basking shark and a Humpback Whale! It was in New York City that we got to visit Ellis Island! This is where I spent some time looking for my immigrant ancestors on the grand plaque. We also visited Liberty Island and saw the Statue of Liberty from the outside. One of the best parts of New York City was getting to visit the Empire state building!! Our group got to go as high as the 86th floor!

It was quite the experience being in all those cities since there was haze from the Canadian wild fires and huge shadows from the skyscrapers, but there were plenty of city lights to make up for it. Not only did I learn more about my country's history, but I also learned more about myself. I was able to obtain some financial aid from the County to help pay for the cost. I was very fortunate to have a supportive family and a great 4-H group who informed me about this experience ahead of time. If you think this experience is right for you, talk to your parents about it and hopefully you can participate in the 2024 American Spirit Experience!

Jazelle Nowak - Ridgeway 4-H Club - Senior, Homeschooled

STATE NEWS & INFO

State Teams

Calling all youth members who love being creative!

The 2024 State Arts Team and Drama Company applications are NOW OPEN until January 16th, 2024.

When you apply to either of these state teams, you will be on a team with other youth from around the state of Wisconsin who share the same passion, and enjoy being creative! Whether that be by creating art or being involved in putting on drama shows, you can do it with Wisconsin 4-H!

You can apply now by clicking here:

State Arts Team: <https://23wi4hartteam.4honline.com/>

Drama Company: <https://23wi4hdco.4honline.com/>



**Applications
Now Open For**

State Teams

Drama Company and State Arts Teams Applications are now open!
Apply on 4-H Online Today!
Applications close January 16th, 2024

STATE NEWS & INFO

American Spirit East

June 14-23, June 21-30, July 5-14, 2024

Registration Deadline: November 15th

Experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada - Youth-led content throughout the experience - Increase knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred - Dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation.

American Spirit has the following objectives for its participants:

- Increase knowledge and understanding of America's heritage
- Build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom
- Further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values
- Increase awareness of self in relationship to others
- Share what was learned with others in your club and county.



SAVE THE DATE!
2024
4-H
Winter Leadership Camp
February 9th-11th
Spencer Lake - Waupaca

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Grades 7 and Up. More info to come.

Citizenship Washington Focus

2024 CWF – 1 week in late June (Sat.-Sat.), exact dates TBD



What is Citizenship Washington Focus?

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress. Additionally, youth get to see and experience government in action by meeting with their State's members of Congress and watching a House of Representatives meeting. Delegates also participate in various educational workshops such as:

- **Citizenship Toolbox:** By exploring what it means to be a good citizen, delegates identify their own skill set to become active citizens and leaders in their communities back home.
- **Congressional Issues:** Delegates will have open discussions with different perspectives on real national issues in the government today.
- **Bill Writing:** Delegates learn the process of writing a bill in the House of Representatives and then write one of their own. They then will hold a mock House of Representatives meeting where they will discuss and either pass or deny said bills.
- **Action Planning:** By combining all of the skills they have learned at CWF, the entire delegation will discuss what issues are prominent in their communities. They will then develop a plan to take back and implement positive change into their hometowns.

Registration Timeline

December 1-31: Register for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) 2024.

Late 2023: Adult Advisor applications are due to the State 4-H Office. (Selections made around March 1.)

January/February 2024: Watch for a registration confirmation letter including National. Code of Conduct & Media Release Forms.

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Wisconsin 4-H Night

OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

GAME:

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

@7PM



VS



LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP
FOR TICKETS TODAY!

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION:
SCAN THE QR CODE!
OR VISIT:**

fevogm.com/Wisconsin4h



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Human Development & Relationships

Money Matters LIVE

Credit and Debt Series is a new online learning and discussion series. Participants will learn about the basics of credit, how to build and maintain good credit, and how to deal with existing personal debt. Whether you are looking to get out of debt or learn how to improve your credit, this FREE online series is for you! Each session will include a short presentation from Extension educators and lots of time for discussion and questions. You can attend all 4 sessions or as many as your schedule allows. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings in October from 7:00-8:00 PM.

[Register for this new, FREE series: https://bit.ly/496kaAb](https://bit.ly/496kaAb)

Todd Wenzel, todd.wenzel@wisc.edu

Crops & Soils

UW-Madison Division of Extension to Host Area Badger Crop Updates Meetings

The Badger Crop Update meeting replaces the previous Regional Pest Management Update Meeting, the Soil, Water, and Nutrient Mangement Update Meeting, and the Area Agronomy Update Meeting.

This will provide farmers and agricultural professionals with the latest, unbiased, research-based information to help them make decisions to remain economically viable and environmentally sound.

Although the website indicates that registration began in mid-September, individuals who are interested in participating will be able to sign up for the next event soon! Mark your calendars for November 28th (location: Fond du Lac). Please visit this website and check back as further information becomes available.

<https://bit.ly/3FwndUD>

Kevin Jarek, kevin.jarek@wisc.edu

Regional Dairy

Farm Succession Planning

Farm succession planning is a critical need. Join our UW-Madison Division of Extension Farm Management Specialists as they lead discussions and activities during the Cultivating Your Farm's Future workshop series. This program will provide tools and resources for farmers who want to start their succession plans.

<https://go.wisc.edu/q5r63s>

Bi-lingual Management on Dairy Farms

Are you a dairy farm owner, manager, or supervisor with Spanish-speaking employees; or a current or future dairy farm employee; or an agricultural professional who does or will work with Spanish-speakers? If so, check out Spanish for the Dairy Industry, a Spanish short course series! <https://bit.ly/3tNT2po>

Stephanie Bowers, stephanie.bowers@wisc.edu

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Horticulture

Dig into horticulture education with these upcoming webinars!

Adaptive Gardening Tools

Register at: <https://bit.ly/45ME7ZR>

Thursday, Nov. 9, 12-12:30 p.m.

This presentation contains ideas of gardening tools that will make your life in the garden easier and extend your time outside enjoying the weather.

Growing Adenium (Desert Rose) – The Flamboyant Succulent

Register at: <https://bit.ly/46WwO2S>

Tuesday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.

Join us to learn how you can successfully grow these beautiful succulants and keep them thriving at home.

Have a Question? Ask a Gardener!!

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question/>

Madisen Potratz, madisen.potratz@wisc.edu

Community Development

Introduction to Plain Language

Join us for this **free introductory course**. This virtual training introduces strategies for word choice, font selection, grammar use, user testing, and more that help us communicate quickly and effectively with both native and non-native speakers.

When? November 9th at 1:00pm

Register at <https://shorturl.at/nrFR3>

FoodWise Recipes

Winter is just around the corner. Here is a great recipe for **Cream of Broccoli Soup**. Easy and quick to make. Perfect for a cold winter lunch or dinner. Recipe: <https://bit.ly/49cbb0g>

Serve with a side of crackers or a piece of bread and enjoy.

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