

WINNEBAGO COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

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**4-H Fall Family Banquet**

*4-H: It's How We Roll!*

**October 12, 2024**



**National 4-H Week  
October 6-12, 2024**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September

- 1st: Annual Financial Reports due to Extension Office
- 2nd: Labor Day - Office Closed
- 3rd: Re-enrollment opens on 4Honline!
- 8th: Interstate Exchange Information Meeting 5PM at JPCC
- 11th: Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30 PM at JPCC
- 15th: Dairy Project Meeting 2PM at JPCC
- 16th: Award Nominations Due
- 17th: Leaders' Association Board Meeting 7PM @ JPCC
- 18th: 4-H Growers Club Meeting 5:30PM @ JPCC Outdoor Classroom
- 19th: Dog Project Meeting 6:30PM at JPCC
- 23rd: Horse & Pony Project Meeting 7PM at JPCC
- 26th: Fair Board Meeting 7PM at JPCC
- 28th: 2nd Annual Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Event 9AM at Outdoor Classroom



## October

- 4th: 4-H Fall Family Banquet Reservations Due
- 9th: Meat Animal Board Meeting 7:30 PM at JPCC
- 12th: 4-H Fall Family Banquet at Rolling Thunder Lanes in Neenah
- 15th: Leaders Association Board Meeting 7PM at JPCC
- 20th: 4-H Halloween Skating Party
- 24th: Fair Board Meeting 7PM at JPCC
- 28th: Horse & Pony Project Meeting 7PM at JPCC



### 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 Farming Friends	6:00PM 2:00PM 3:00PM 5:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30 PM
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

Welcome our newest 4-H club: **Farming Friends!**  
Club leaders are **Brooke and Ryan Overton**

4 for 4-H



**Proudly Log Your Volunteer Hours**

**Thank you for volunteering your time and talent with our 4-H Program!** During our January 2024 All County 4-H Meeting, volunteers in attendance voted and passed a motion to request that volunteers log at least **4 hours** of volunteer time within our 4-H program each year to be eligible for annual 4-H Volunteer Service Awards.

## **YOUR TIME COUNTS!**

Please log your volunteer hours utilizing the form link or QR code below. Feel free to log ALL your hours, or just until you reach 4 for 4-H! Don't have internet access? Simply call 920.232.1974.



**Log your 4 for 4-H:**  
<https://bit.ly/3wluR36>



**At least 4 volunteer hours need to be entered by September 15th to be considered for service years and awards.**

## FROM ARIANNA...

Hello everyone! I have had the privilege of working in the Extension office as a Summer Program Assistant. As it is coming to an end, I thought I would share some of the highlights from the summer. The biggest highlight was leading different kinds of craft workshops. This was the biggest highlight as I have always had a passion for crafts and teaching. I loved getting to share my love for crafts with the youth that attended these workshops. Another highlight was Chick Quest, I mean who wouldn't enjoy watching the hatching chicks grow. Every event I have attended this summer has been a blast and I am so thankful I had the opportunity to experience all the new things I did this summer.

This year was also my last year as a 4-H youth. Although the past year has been filled with lasts, I know that just as many new beginnings are on the horizon. 4-H has taught me so much and I will forever be grateful for every experience I was given. Golden Oak 4-H club has taught me how to be a leader and it has showed me what a bit of empathy can do. I will forever remember the meeting that we made food for the Hope Fridge. I was sitting beside a young child, and she looked up at me and asked why we had to do this. I told her that some people don't have Mom's or Dad's that can take care of them and sometimes that means that they don't have food or a house. She looked up at me with wide eyes and a sad face. She felt bad for them, she had empathy, but she didn't let her sadness stop her. She sat beside me asking countless questions as we whipped out more sandwiches. Every moment in 4-H has made me who I am today, and I hope that little girl grows up to feel the same way.

As for my future endeavors I will be finishing up a degree in Elementary Education and continuing working at the school as a Paraprofessional in the meantime. This does help with my future hopes for 4-H though. I would love to have more community/school clubs that are accessible to children with special needs. Sometimes transportation is the reason children can't join this amazing program and I would love to see that challenge removed for them. Another hope I have for the future of 4-H is for youth to take on all the amazing activities that 4-H offers.

I regret not doing more of the trips and activities. My advice for the youth would be use the leadership 4-H has taught you to do something that makes you proud.



# RE-ENROLLMENT



## Youth 4-H Re-enrollment



Link: [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

**Enrollment Opens:**  
September 3rd, 2024

**Forgot Password?**  
Click reset password and follow on screen prompts.



### Choose Project Categories

- Select **ALL** projects that might interest the youth (**After the deadline closes project selection is no longer available**)
- Choose Community club for meetings (If you select Horse, Dog, or Rabbit as project categories **select your community club as primary** unless you only want to show in that specific category)
- Make sure to **reference the Project list** on the UW Extension Website



Rabbit Project



Dairy Project



Interstate Exchange



Community Clubs



### Deadlines:

- Re-enrollment Closes **November 20th, 2024**
- Project changes must be completed no later than **January 31st, 2025**

# RE-ENROLLMENT



## 4-H Volunteer Re-enrollment



Enrollment Opens:  
September 3rd, 2024

Link: [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

### Choose Volunteer Type

- If you want to be affiliated with a specific 4-H club/group, you MUST select **CLUB VOLUNTEER**. Then you can select which type of club volunteer suits you best.
- If you want to be an Overnight Chaperone, you MUST choose **PROGRAM VOLUNTEER** and then chose **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 you do not want to be affiliated with a specific club, you MUST select **PROJECT VOLUNTEER**. Then you can choose which type suits you best.
- Volunteer Role description can be found at: <https://bit.ly/4f1yuSQ>

### Trainings

Returning volunteers that have training and/or background check to complete: You will have a 90-day grace period beginning on October 1, 2024 to complete any new or additional trainings and background check (if required) to remain an approved volunteer. These requirements must be completed prior to December 1st or your enrollment will be moved to Inactive Status.

### Other Information

- If your club has multiple Co-Leaders a list of each Co-Leader's duties needs to be kept and copy needs to be sent to [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu)
- Approving Adult Volunteers: After the 4-H program coordinator approves an adult volunteer, a **Volunteer Agreement Letter** will be emailed to the volunteer from the state office. The letter will confirm the volunteers role(s) and will provide a link to the appropriate volunteer description.
- The letter mentioned above will outline the dates that the volunteer is covered with liability insurance and will act as a contract between the volunteer and extension.

### Deadlines:

- Volunteer Enrollment Closes **November 20th, 2024**



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# RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-enrollment Opens 9/3/24 and Closes 11/20/24

## 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

|LEGOS

### **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

Aerospace

Geospatial

Robotics (also sign up for Mechanic Science)

Chemistry

Physics

### **International Programs**

## 4-H SUNFLOWER & PUMPKIN EVENT

### 2nd Annual Winnebago County 4-H Sunflower & Pumpkin Growing Contest Day!

Join us for some fall fun and to find out who will win the largest sunflower bloom, tallest sunflower and largest pumpkin!



**September 28th**  
**James P. Coughlin Center**  
**9:00AM**

**You do not need to be in the contest to attend!**

#### **Food!**

Muffins, Cookies, Milk, and Apple Cider

#### **Games!**

Pumkin Bowling, Toss Across, and Go Fish

#### **Prizes!**

Prizes, certificates and bragging rights will be awarded to the contest winners.



### **Fall Fun for All!**

**\*We plan to hold this event outside in the outdoor classroom area.  
We will be inside if it is raining.**

## 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 Kuehn 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**





# FUNDRAISING

## 4-H PIZZA MAKING NOVEMBER 2, 2024



**PIZZA COUNT NIGHT**  
October 22, 2024  
6-8PM @ JPCC



**ONLINE ORDERING OPTION!**  
**GO TO:**

<https://winnebago4hleaders.square.site/>

**Online orders close on October 21st**  
Be sure to tell your family & friends  
ordering online which 4-H club you are from.

**Printable order forms are available at:**  
<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/leaders/fundraising/pizza/>

### CLUBS:

Please designate a person to bring your club's in-person  
(non-online) pizza orders to Pizza Count Night.  
You do not need to do anything with online orders placed.

**Pizza Making Sign Up**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE PIZZAS!**  
Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3Xm5hWL>

### CLUB INCENTIVE

The Leaders Association will give 25 cents back  
for each pizza sold (by your club) for any club  
that sells at least 100 pizzas.

## NEW!

**Ukulele's available now for checkout  
through the Extension office.**  
**Forms are available online:**  
<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/resources/>



# FUNDRAISING

## The Scoop on The Dipper and Youth Volunteer Community Service Hours

It's a wrap for 2024 Winnebago County Fair! The 4-H Leaders' Association's Board of Directors would like to thank all of you who volunteered at The Dipper and those who strolled over to enjoy hot pancakes or ice cream treats. The efforts at The Dipper lead to over \$12,500 in sales, again raising important funds to support Winnebago County 4-H and its many programs, camps, educational trip grants, and scholarships. None of this is possible without the dedicated support of The Dipper's adult leaders, Scott Richter and Herb Numrich, and it's youth leaders - Evan Numrich, Madison Oeftger, Lilly Plungy, and Madison Plungy.



After many years leading and supporting The Dipper, Scott and Herb have announced they will be stepping aside after the 2026 Fair. They will continue to document the different tasks involved in managing and operating The Dipper, and are both willing to help explain their roles and train anyone willing to consider stepping up to become part of "the new generation" of Dipper leadership. This gives us a little less than two (2) years to learn from them and prepare for a successful transition; please consider how you can contribute now and in the future.

Thank you, Scott and Herb, for everything you have done!

If any youth volunteers who worked at The Dipper need community service hours for school, make sure to forward any forms that must be completed to Herb, or a member of the Board of Directors, and they will be signed for you.

## 2024 Basket Raffle at the FAIR WOW!!

This year was the greatest ever!! We had 39 donations from clubs, businesses and individuals.

These marvelous donations, the excellent fair attendance, the very hot weather (the Expo building was air conditioned!) and the many volunteers all contributed to the \$10,000 effort!

Our 4-Hers are all shouting out a huge - "Thank You!!!"

4-H Raffle Basket		
Winners		
#	Basket	Winner
1	Barry quilt	Linda Wynn
2	Barry's 100th Anniversary	Tracy & Melissa
3	Barry's 100th Anniversary	Barry & Melissa
4	Barry's 100th Anniversary	Barry & Melissa
5	Barry's 100th Anniversary	Barry & Melissa
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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.

**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 Kuehnl—(920) 836-1736**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**9/22/24 AT 6:30 PM at Joe's home**

## Wisconsin Leadership Council



The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council is a team of youth and adult leaders, from across the state, focused on:

- Serving as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocating for Wisconsin 4-H
- Providing input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Providing educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connecting the county, regional, and state levels

of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Together, WLC youth and adult members have a role with Summer Academy, plan and teach at Fall Forum, plan the Statewide Service Project during National 4-H Week .... and more!

Applications are due by September 15th in 4H Online. Elections for WLC occur at Fall Forum (November 2-3 at Stevens Point Holiday Inn).

Want to Learn More? Visit the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council webpage  
<https://go.wisc.edu/4hwlc>.

# LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

## Winnebago County 4-H Fall Family Banquet

October 12, 2024

Rolling Thunder Lanes - 934 Bird Ave, Neenah

Cost: \$8.00 per person

(includes meal & bowling)

To make your reservations, please complete the form at:

<https://bit.ly/4cBtAnG>

Or call in at 920.232.1974

Registration Deadline: October 4, 2024

Online payment option is available or please submit payment promptly after registering

## 4-H: It's How We Roll!



6:00PM: Check in

6:30PM: Taco Bar!

7:15PM: Awards and Election

Interstate Exchange Auction Winners Announced

8PM-10PM: Bowling

\*Up to 6 lanes will be open with up to 6 people per lane. Sign up for a lane at the registration table the night of the banquet. Youth grades 5 and under must have an adult on the lanes present. Bowling is included with your \$8 registration.

### Come and Celebrate Our 4-H Accomplishments!

#### Leader & Youth Awards

Volunteer of the Year	Lifetime Volunteer
Alumni of the Year	Youth Leadership
Friend of 4-H	Youth Challenge
Friend in 4-H	Years of Service

#### Youth Recognition

Ambassadors
State & Regional Event Participants
Cloverbud Graduates
Camp Counselors
Interstate Exchange

Interstate Exchange Silent Auction & Raffle  
Will Also Take Place!

\*The Awards Ceremony portion of the evening will be FREE for anyone who wants to arrive after the meal.



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## Halloween Skating Party

When: Sunday, October 20th

Where: Skaters Edge  
5714 Integrity Way, Appleton

Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Youth- \$3.00

Adults- Full price

There will be a Halloween Costume Contest!

Prizes for the BEST costume!



# LEADERS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS

## Adult Award Nominations Needed! Due September 16, 2024

- Anyone may nominate someone they feel is worthy of the awards below. **Submit names and a summary of why the person deserves the award to the Extension Office or email [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu) by September 16, 2024.** You may use the backside of this sheet for your nomination(s) for the 5 awards listed below. (Additional forms are available)

### **Friend in 4-H**

A 4-H individual or group making outstanding leadership or service contribution to 4-H. The "Friend in 4-H" must be currently enrolled as a leader or member.

### **Friend of 4-H**

A person or group outside of 4-H making an outstanding contribution to 4-H leadership, service, or other support. The "Friend of 4-H" is not currently enrolled in 4-H.

### **Winnebago County 4-H Alumni**

Recognizes a former Winnebago County 4-H member who has gone on to use 4-H skills in their success. Current contributions to 4-H may help to identify the candidates but are not required for selection.

### **Volunteer of the Year**

An individual who has done an exceptional job as a volunteer in the past year.

### **Lifetime Volunteer Award**

Recognizes a Winnebago County 4-H Leader who has contributed many years of service to the 4-H Program.

**All awards will be presented at the  
NEW 4-H Family Banquet Saturday, October 12, 2024**

## Youth Award Nominations Needed! Due September 16, 2024

- Organizational Leaders may nominate a youth who they feel is worthy of the awards below. **Submit names and a summary of why the youth deserves the award to the Extension Office or email [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu) by September 16, 2024.**

### **Youth Leadership Award**

This award is to recognize a youth who has become a leader in 4-H. They must actively participate and take on leadership role(s) at the club/county level. This might be a youth that is not yet eligible for a Key Award, but someone whose accomplishments you want to recognize to encourage them to continue on their youth leadership path through 4-H. You may use the backside of this sheet for your nomination of a youth for this **YOUTH LEADERSHIP** award.

### **Winnebago County 4-H Youth Challenge Award (formerly I Dare You)**

The Challenge Award is offered to 4-H members who are in middle school who are "emerging" I leaders. This is a youth who has not yet become a leader – but has the potential to do so in the upcoming year. This award may be the nudge needed to inspire the youth for leadership roles within 4-H.

## The 4-H Leaders Association Board Is In Need Of Board Members!

There are ten seats open, four of which can be filled by youth. Please consider running or nominating persons who are committed to attending monthly meetings and actively contributing their expertise and efforts!

If you are interested in running, please submit a short bio and why you are interested to [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu) by October 4th

# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



## It's National 4-H Week



October 6th-12th

Help us Celebrate by sharing your favorite things about 4-H

### Photography Entry

- Must include a minimum of 10 photos
- Must be matted on one piece of Poster Paper or foam board
- If you want to use this as a 2025 fair entry follow the collage guidelines in the fair book



**Submission Date:** October 11th, 2024 by 4:30 pm

**Where to Submit it:**

dana.berger@wisc.edu or drop of at Extension Office

### Rules:

- Pick one or do all 3. 1 entry from each category allowed
- Each category has its own set of rules and a general set of rules
- An index card or printed piece of paper explaining how your design compliments the theme must be included (Name, Age, and Grade **MUST** be included on the Card)
- The theme for all pieces must be centered around 4-H (Your favorite things, Volunteering, etc.)
- Pieces **MUST** be turned in on/or before October 11th by 4:30 PM
- Pieces will be judged in age groups (K-2) (3-5) (6-8) (9-12)

### Creative Writing Entry

- Can be any form of Creative writing
- Follow fair book guidelines if you want to enter it in the 2025 fair.
- Must be legible if handwritten or typed in an easy to read font (typing is preferred if typed size 12 or larger)



### Art Entry

- Any type of art is allowed (Kits are not allowed/licensed images are not allowed)
- Must follow fair book guidelines if you want to enter it in the 2025 fair



**Winners will receive a 4-H themed fall basket**

# RECORD BOOKS



## Winnebago County 4-H Record Books



### Awards:

- Best Cloverbud Record Book (either version accepted)
- Best Traditional Record Book: Grades 3-5
- Best Traditional Record Book: Grades 6-13
- Best Digital Record Book: All Grades
- Best Video Record Book: All Grades
- Best Secretary Record Book
- Best Treasurer Record Book
- Best Historian Scrap Book
- Participation Sticker-Everyone receives this award
- Gold Achievement 4-H Club Work Sticker
- Gold 4-H Clover Sticker
- Merit Sticker
- Clover bud Sticker
- All "Best Of" winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to <https://shop4-h.org>

### What is a record book?

A scrapbook that shows your 4-H journey for the year that was just completed. Then they may advance to higher levels and may even earn more awards.



### Different types of Record Books:

- Traditional Record Book
- Digital Record Book (online)
- Video Record Book
- EZ Record Book

### Why is it important?

4-H awards require that you submit your record books. The Key Award and the scholarships that are offered require submission of record books.

Get a Chris Clover Jibbit when you complete a record book!



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### **Poygan Go-Getters**

The Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order on July 14, 2024 at 4:05pm by Lily Black. Roll call and the secretary report was led by Ava Larson and Treasurer's report was given by Riley McCollian. Remember that in order to have Fair entries and youth exhibitor band paid for by the club, you must have attended at least five meetings! If you did not attend five meetings, entry fees can be paid to Jennifer and Riley McCollian. We had several May through August birthdays to celebrate. There will be a new snack sign up posted for the next 4-H year to begin in September. No fundraising or volunteer updates to report. Toni shared Meet animal board updates. Vet check is required to show meat animals at the fair and can be scheduled after July 16th. Heather shared Horse and Pony project updates. Reminder Coggins test is also required to take your horse off the trailer and show at the fair. The club voted, and Lilly Black made a motion, Savannah 2nd to donate up to \$150 to meat animals (swine and beef) and up to \$150 to Horse and Pony Project for fair decorations. The club also voted, Kennedy made a motion, Drew 2nd for the club to donate up to \$150 towards screen print costs for club t-shirts. Heather shared shirts should be available for pick up next week. We also had two speeches this month. Riley McCollian talked about her model horse project and Aubrey Hughes talked about her clay project she is entering in the fair. There will be no August meeting because of the Winnebago County Fair. Kaylee made a motion, 2nd by Kennedy, to adjourn our meeting at 5:03pm.

Written by Ava Larson

### **4-H Friends**

The July 14th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3:05pm. 4 leaders, 14 members, and 10 parents were present. We also welcomed 3 new members! The American pledge was led by Hannah and the 4-H pledge was led by Grace. The secretary's report was read and approved by Max and seconded by Chloe. The treasurer's report was also read and approved by Chloe and seconded by Issac. Members that went on the 4-H Interstate Exchange trip talked about what they liked most about the experience. From the beach, to educational places, and a Herr's snack factory tour, it was overall such an exciting trip. We also reminded everyone that the 4-H dipper this year will be serving pancakes in the morning. For the fair raffle baskets made by clubs, Grace's workplace Pet Supplies Plus, donated our basket! So we all signed a card thanking them. 4-H ambassadors is available for 6th grade and up. We also reminded everyone to start record books and turn them in at the September 8th meeting. Our activity was led by the Clayton family.



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

They showed up how to make butter with a mason jar, heavy cream, and pebbles. All we had to do was shake it for a long time. When we started seeing little chunks of butter we knew we were close! And eventually everyone ended up with a jar with a big chunk of butter inside. The meeting came to an end at 3:43pm. Chloe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sam seconded. Our next meeting will be September 8th at Calvary Lutheran Church as there will not be a club meeting in August due to the fair.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

### 4-H Growers Club

Our 4-H Growers Club grew some beautiful produce and flowers this summer! Some of the most spectacular plants grown were incredibly tall mammoth sunflowers, bountiful green peppers and squash, stunning zinnias and dahlias, and beautiful cauliflower and broccoli. All members did a great job! Soon fall clean-up will be here and I am sad to see the beautiful gardens end for the season.

The 4-H Growers Club will be offered again to youth in the spring.  
-Dana Berger



# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## White Cedars

**Club Meeting was held at Sunnyview Expo Center.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Kat Skadah. l.

**Pledges-** were led by Zoe .

**Roll Call-** Gabby asked members to let us know their favorite fair entry or animal and why. 24 members present, 15 Adults present. We welcomed Kennadi Keller and family to our club.

**Secretary's Report** is posted on White Cedars Google Drive. Motion to approve was made by Tracy and seconded by Teagan . 24 votes approving the report.

Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve was made by Tracy and seconded by Teagan. 24 votes approving the report.

**Vice President** Lexi read the county highlights from the [July/August Newsletter](#) and the [2024 Fair Booklet](#).



### Old/New Business

- **Scrapbooking and Photography-** Zoe received a first place on the club scrapbook...check it out in the Expo. Also extra photos were available to pick up after the meeting. Thank you Zoe!
- Also sign up for Art Eichman photography session at the fair on Thursday night.
- **Horse + Pony-** there will be a pizza and cake meeting at 7 on Tuesday at the fair. Everyone should try their hand at hippology at Barn D.

### Other Business

- **Club Finances are due** - we will need a committee of youth and adult members to review them.
- **Record Books** - will be due at our September meeting, and we will need to schedule a club reading of older youth and adults to submit to the county level. If you haven't yet, please start working on your record book, by submitting one of these formats: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/record-book/>
- **Reminder - no potluck at this year's fair on Saturday.**
- After discussion, Emma made a motion to reimburse Jenni \$90 for the purchase of 3 fair trophies on behalf of the club for the horse, rabbit, and goat projects. Teagan seconded the motion. 24 votes to pass the motion.
- Happy 20th anniversary to White Cedars, let's celebrate at our September meeting.

#### Reminders for Next Meeting

- **Next meeting will be September 9th, 6:30pm at the Butte des Morts Lions Club.**
- Bring completed record books, discuss lock-in options, and reminder Sept 30th Pizza Ranch. Reminder that October is club elections, so remind all to write up their nomination script.
- **Pledges- ???**
- **Cloverbud Project-** Kate
- **Educational Demo- ???**
- **Snacks and Refreshments** – Alana Grundman to bring both, Jenni will pick up ice cream cake.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Motioned by Tracy and seconded by Zoe.

# 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

## Wisconsin Leadership Council

Written by Evan Numrich, 11th Grader  
Ridgeway 4-H Club Member

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Madison Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county, and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults.
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program.
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders.
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.



A few examples that WLC helps plan and lead are the Fall Forum, Summer Academy, and the animal meat auction at the state fair. At the Fall Forum, WLC youth and adult leaders plan out what sessions will be there and figure out the entire schedule for the 2 or 3 days at the event. They also plan if we are going to have a keynote or keynote speaker and other activities at the event. WLC also holds their elections at the event, where any 4-H leader from 9th to 11th grade can try to be elected for a 2-year term.

Next, at Summer Academy, WLC helps the delegates during the entire week. WLC arrives two days early and sets up posters and signs to tell where the delegates need to go, making it a welcoming place. During the event, WLC walks around at the different sessions, helping out wherever they are needed, and they help lead icebreakers and camp songs at different down times during the event. We also, of course, get to be a part of the fun dance and other activities at the



event. Finally, WLC also helps at the animal meat auction at the state fair. A few things about this event are that it raises money for all 4-H youth in Wisconsin.

## 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

4-H, and this past year it raised the most money it ever had. At the event, WLC are the youth that represent all the 4-Hers in Wisconsin. So, they have to help set up the event, and they hold up the meat and ribbons when the auction is going on for bidders to bid on the meat.

Ultimately, WLC is a very fun and inspiring group to be a part of, where you can grow in so many ways in leadership, communication, and more.

### American Spirit

By Lorelai Miller



This summer, I had an opportunity to be part of the American Spirit Trip. As part of this experience, we had specific responsibilities assigned daily. The duties ranged from simple tasks to presenting a teachable moment for one of the stops on our tour. The challenge of these teachable moments was to make the presentation impactful by incorporating an activity. For instance, I was responsible for presenting a topic with an activity on the significance of the 9-11 Memorial. I chose to teach my fellow delegates how to make paper cranes while presenting my topic. The importance of the paper cranes is that right after 9/11, the paper cranes became symbols of unity, hope, and resilience. Colorful paper crane chains were a familiar sight throughout the city, showing the strength of the human spirit. Also, paper cranes appeared on the Statue of Liberty replica outside a firehouse in Manhattan shortly after the 9-11 attacks.

My other leadership responsibility was to create a Facebook post with pictures covering the Freedom Trail in Boston, Massachusetts. For some background, the Freedom Trail consists of 16 sites along a 2.5-mile-long path through Boston. The Freedom Trails highlights the history of the United States and takes about 60-90 minutes to walk. The locations include historic museums, churches, parks, ships, and site markers highlighting the American Revolution. My summary of the experience is as follows: I loved the Freedom Trail much more than I thought I would because I thought it was just a walking trail. However, I was utterly wrong in my thinking!

It was so fun walking around and enjoying the beautiful scenery and landmarks with the friends I made on this trip. The picture opportunities were iconic, and I loved how much time we spent exploring in smaller groups. We could walk around, have lunch, go shopping, and hang out with the other delegates. The only thing I didn't like was how hot and humid it was, but we couldn't control the weather. I would give the Freedom Trail a 9 out of 10 and plan to return there with my family! Other eighth to tenth graders should consider spending ten days next summer learning about US History, making new friends, and expanding their leadership skills.

## 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

### American Spirit

By Nicolas Miller



This summer, I was a delegate for the third week of the American Spirit Trip. Each person received leadership tasks and responsibilities and the opportunity to visit historic cities and sites. Our responsibilities included creating a Facebook post on an assigned topic for a private Facebook group.

For my Facebook post, I received the topic “Insights from this Week.” Below is my post with additional details added to this article:

I have enjoyed sharing wonderful experiences with incredible people for the past week. NYC, Boston, and Philly were just a few of the locations we visited. We also traveled to the Amish Farms, Valley Forge, Niagara Falls, and even malls for some downtime and to relax. This week had some challenges and moments, but those helped us learn and shape us into better leaders. Overall, this trip was a great way to learn about our Country’s history while making new friends and building confidence within ourselves.

I learned:

1. I learned Salem shunned the witch trials for a long time, so the town has no original buildings left. Today, the town profits from the trials and almost romanticizes them to make money.
2. I learned many celebrities performed at Fenway Park, such as Lady Gaga, Billy Joel, New Kids On The Block, and Paul McCartney!
3. I learned that the Mayflower never had the name “Mayflower” on the boat. Most people were illiterate then, so they resorted to using bright colors to help recognize the boat. Also, I thought the ship had way more people than 102 aboard.

My favorite part of this trip was definitely NYC. I love big cities, and NYC did not disappoint. The unique people, fashion, and food I still crave are all positive aspects of the city that make it memorable. I enjoyed the evening bus tour, where we got to see some of the nightlife from the safety of our double-decker bus. Also, I had a fire outfit that day, so the pictures made me happy.

My least favorite part of this trip was the tours of the war and war sights, including Valley Forge and Fort Erie. While these sites were educational, I found them less exciting than our other tours, such as whale watching, visiting Niagara Falls, and exploring Boston. However, by exposing us to different experiences, each delegate can find the historical sites that interest them based on personal preferences.

# 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

## Drama Company 2024

By: Madison Oeftger



One of my favorite experiences in 4-H is Drama Company (DCO). This will be my third year participating and there will be many more years to come. One thing I will say is that Drama Company has gotten better every year from 2022 in creating a show in three days to 2023 creating a show about a passionate bird.

This year, 2024, our theme was “Where do we come from?” and “Where are we going?” This idea was to get Dco members thinking about our past, our future and where we are now in the present.

We started our creative process in April at Spring Planning weekend. We built a community and started coming up with ideas for the show. One idea we knew we needed to keep was shoes and thinking about the different stories each pair of shoes has.

After Spring Planning weekend, we had some time in between and did a few assignments. One of the assignments was to interview someone of an older age and learn about their life from young to old. I was able to interview my Grandma. I learned about her childhood and heard some interesting stories.

Another opportunity my sister and I had was to create a movement piece. We both were super excited and got to work. The piece was called Overwhelmed

Remix. It was an a cappella piece talking about how thoughts in our head can be overwhelming. We thought of how we wanted to show this and decided on having one person be the person with the thoughts and everyone else be those intruding thoughts. My sister and I were proud of our work and ready to share it with the company.

DCO met once again in Madison this past June. We, again, created a community and then started talking about our show. The first night we decided that we were going to tell a story about a thrift store.

In the following days, we learned four movement pieces and created different skits to add to the show. We included the idea of shoes in these skits but also used other objects that you might find in a thrift store. Learning and doing all these things were some of my favorite parts. As my sister and I taught our movement piece, it went well. We had a few bumps but that just helped us to improve as a leader.

We got the script three days before the show and we needed to memorize it fby the day before the show. We learned blocking, memorized lines and ran the show many times after that.

Here is a summary of the show that DCO members came up with this year. We had two thrift store owners named Lauren and Pat. They would help the different customers that come in. The skits we made help to create some of the customers that would come into the store. There was also a pair of shoes that were the first thing ever donated and important to the owners. The audience could see that this thrift store was the heart of this community. Lauren and Pat had a problem though. They were at risk of going out of business because the Landlord got an offer he couldn't refuse. The community hears about this and decides to have a protest. Lauren and Pat had no idea that the community was doing this protest and the Landlord got mad.

## 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCES

Both sides went back and forth for a little bit but then Lauren decided to give up the store. The end of the show was hopeful. Two girls that would come to the store often got the pair of shoes that were the first thing ever donated. Lauren and Pat hoped they would start their own thrift store one day I got the pleasure of playing Lauren. I loved being able to play the main character in a show and step out of my comfort zone. I had a lot of lines to learn, needed to ask for help when needed and played a more dramatic role. I love to play funny and comedic roles but in this show I got to find my more dramatic side.

Drama Company is something that I love to do every year. I am proud of what we have done in the past and excited to see what we will create in the future.

### **Drama Company 2024**

By: Mariana Oeftger



Hi my name is Mari Oeftger and I am a two year drama company member. You might be asking yourself “What is Drama Company?” The Drama company is a Wisconsin 4-H state team. Other state teams include Wisconsin Leadership Council and Arts team. Drama Company in my opinion is the best, because in Drama Company you get to make a show in just a week. In the show there is acting, dancing, music, sets and a great story.

The Drama Company meets only twice a year. The first time we met was in April at Upham woods for Planning weekend. This is when our wonderful director, Jay Johnson, tells us about the theme and the set. Planning weekend is really fun because you get to share your ideas that you have. In Drama Company the only bad idea is the idea not shared. Other than ideas, we make skits, play games and just get to know each other!

The second time we meet is for summer academy when we actually make the show. We all move into the Chadbourn dorms with our roommates for the next week and get started! We finalize our ideas and make skits to put in the show. Our idea this year was about a thrift store called Rainbow Treasures and this store was the staple of the community! A mean landlord raised the rent so the owners had to close the store, but the community tried hard to keep it open. The community protested but the landlord didn’t do anything. The owners passed the business to two younger girls so that they can start their own rainbow treasures! This year we performed the show to the delegates at summer academy and our friends and family.

If you are interested in being a part of Drama Company you can go to 4-H online and continue there! You don’t have to be a total drama kid because Drama Company is for everyone!

## PROJECT NEWS & INFO

### Cloverbuds

Cloverbud Camp was amazing! Although we had to move locations, we had fun time with our Barnyard Olympics-themed games, crafts, snacks and more. We are now looking to have more fun and perhaps with our camp friends at Cloverbud Blast.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 3, 1:00-3:00 pm. In addition to more games, crafts and fun, we will also be recognizing our Cloverbud Graduates with a ceremony at approximately 2:45, so parents will want to make sure they are there!

**To register, please call the office (920-232-1974) by October 30.**



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### 4-H Horse & Pony Project



#### Next Meetings:

**September 23 @ JPCC**  
6PM - H&PP Board  
7PM - H&PP Members

**October 28 @ JPCC**  
6PM - H&PP Board  
7PM - H&PP Members

WIHA Horse Show takes place the weekend of September 27th:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/775685181070330>



# PROJECT NEWS & INFO

## Dairy

**Dairy Project Meeting: Sept 15th at 2PM JPCC**

13th Annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Challenge  
Thursday, September 19, 2024 9:30a.m. -2p.m. Hoard  
Museum and National Dairy Shrine Fort Atkinson, WI  
If you are interested in participating, please contact  
Amy Jo Domke [domke2892@yahoo.com](mailto:domke2892@yahoo.com)



## Dog Project

Winnebago County 4-H Dog Project has had a busy and productive summer. To conclude its training season they held their 4-H Dog Show July 21 at the Oshkosh Kennel Club where youth showed their dogs to certified judges in showmanship, rally and obedience and youth judging. The well attended event included ribbons, prizes and a potluck luncheon. Trainers, and volunteers were honored along with the hard working youth and their dogs. This project would not be possible without our dedicated parents, youth and volunteers and sponsors. Sponsors are honored on our program for their valued support.

August 12 brought the youth back together for their fundraiser at Pizza Ranch. A huge thank you to all the people who came for dinner and generously tipped to support our project. The place was packed. The proceeds allows us to pay for facility fees, dog show expenses, and for our programming.

Fall enrollment and monthly educational meetings will begin September, most meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of the month.

**The next 4-H Dog meetings:**

**Sept. 19, 6:30 at JPCC**

**Nov. 17, 6:30 at JPCC**



# PROJECT NEWS & INFO

## 4-H Interstate Exchange

Do you like to travel? Learn about a particular area and state, culture, and lifestyle? Meet new people? Come join our group! Next meeting is Sept. 8th at 5 pm at Coughlin Building. This is a two year commitment. Bring your questions and let's start planning.

### Our next fundraising event:

Sept. 28-29 WIHA Horse Show at the Oshkosh fairgrounds in the Dipper.



Looking for a new 4-H experience?

## Join 4-H Interstate Exchange

The interstate exchange program is an exciting opportunity for youth to experience the geography, culture and heritage of a local community of 4-H youth in a new state. The goal is to: "educate youth and adults for living in a global and ever-changing world." What better opportunity for learning than through an interstate exchange?

**Grades:** 7-12

**Enroll in Interstate Project:** Sept. 2024

**Travel:** one week between June-August 2025

**Host:** 4Hers from the new state one week in 2026

**Plan:** coordinate activities and tours to showcase WI

**Fundraising:** support 3-4 fundraisers per year

#### Info Session:

- September 8, 2024 – 5PM at James P. Coughlin Center

#### For more info contact:

- Leader:** Victoria Ewald: 920.379.1710 or [vewald11@gmail.com](mailto:vewald11@gmail.com)
- Current 4Hers:** Addison & Emma Cegielski, Grace Dobson, Gabby Hostettler, Finn Lettau, Max & Anna Thiemke



Apply the 4-H pledge "for my club, my community, my country and my world" in a new way!

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# COUNTY NEWS & INFO

## Meat Animal Board

Reminder to send out Thank You notes to all your buyers, along with all the trophies, sweatshirt, and banner sponsors.

Our next meeting is September 11, 2024, @ 7:30 pm at the JPCC. Bring along new ideas to present to the board!!



Remember anything that you would like to implement for the next year needs to be brought up at the September meeting.

At the October 9, 2024 (7pm) meeting we will be voting on things that have been brought to our attention from the September meeting. Also new elections will take place at the October meeting. Anyone interested in running or on the board, will need to be present at the October meeting

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## Winnebago County Fair Board 2024 Barn Award Results:



### Dairy (Large)

1st: 4-H Friends 1st:  
2nd: Golden Oak

### Dairy (Small)

1st: Zion 3-C  
2nd: Junior Holstein

### Sheep

1st: 4-H Friends 1st:  
2nd: Plain VU

### Beef

1st: Allenville  
2nd: Omro FFA

### Horse (Large)

Poygan Go Getters  
2nd: White Cedars

### Horse (Small)

1st: Allenville  
2nd: White Cedars

### Swine

Winchester  
2nd: 4-H Friends

### Goats

1st: White Cedars  
2nd: Allenville

## 2025 County Fair Info

July 30-Aug 3, 2025  
170th Year Anniversary!

We're also taking theme ideas. Ideas can be sent to: [winnebagoountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagoountyfair@gmail.com) by the end of the day on Wednesday, Sept 25.

Would you like the Fairest of the Fair to visit your 4-H meeting this fall?

Please send your request with date, time and location to: [winnebagoountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagoountyfair@gmail.com).

# COUNTY NEWS & INFO

## Fair Billboard Rewards

- 1st place: Winchester-127 pts
- 2nd place: White Cedars-124 pts
- 3rd place : Golden Oak-121 pts
- 4th place : Westward-104 pts



Winchester



White Cedars



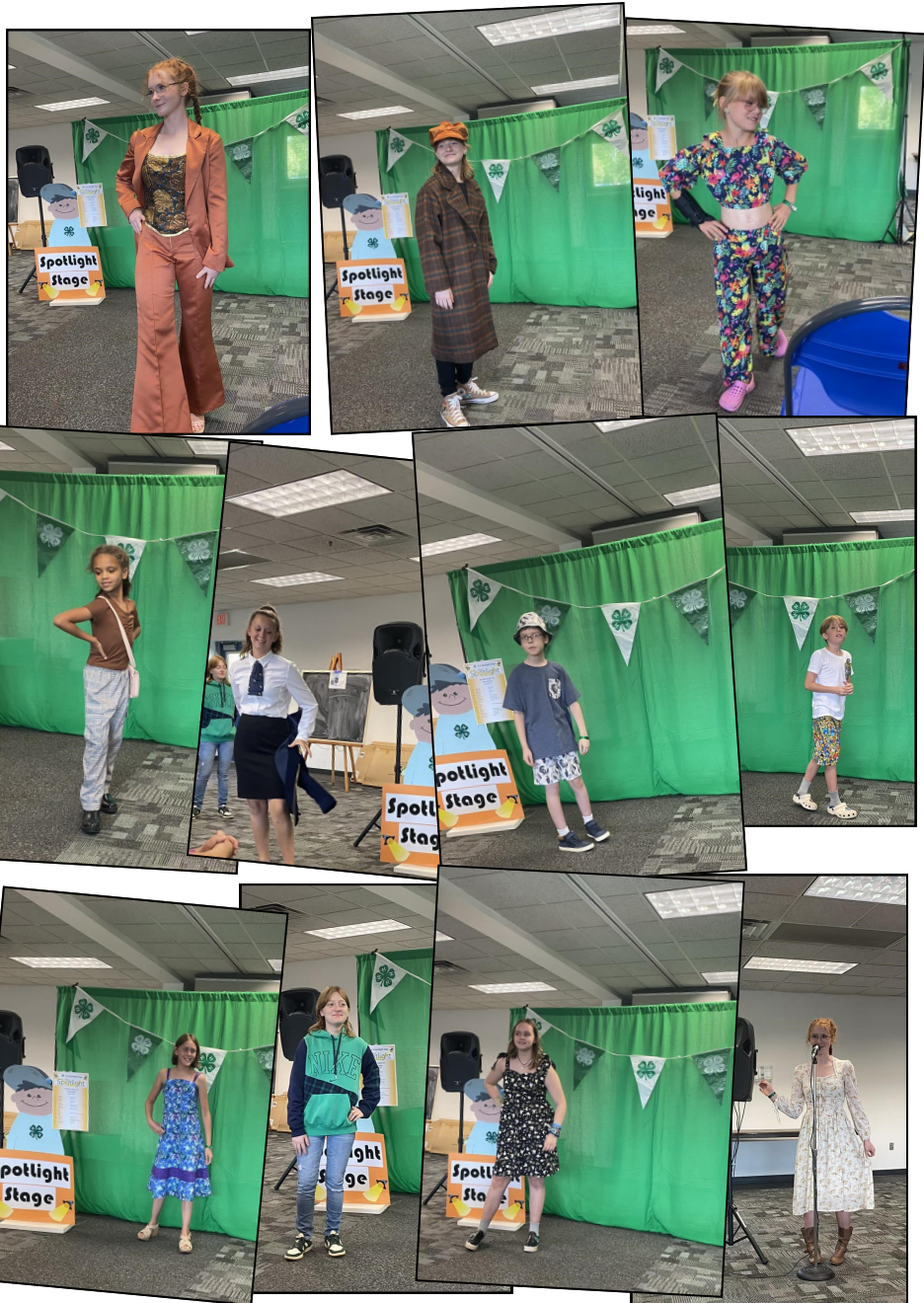
Golden Oak



Westward

# COUNTY NEWS & INFO

## Fashion Show at the County Fair



# COUNTY NEWS & INFO

## Spotlight Stage at the County Fair



## STATE NEWS & INFO

### REGISTER FOR 2024 4-H FALL FORUM!

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff;

promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.



#### **The purpose of Fall Forum is to:**

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

**November 2-3, 2024**

**Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI**

#### **Registration:**

Saturday – Sunday (includes 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, afternoon snack, t-shirt, and supplies): \$85

Saturday Only (includes 1 lunch, 1 dinner, snack, afternoon snack, t-shirt, and supplies): \$65

**Registration will open after September 3rd**

#### **Lodging:**

Saturday night

- Double occupancy: \$45/person
- Single occupancy (adults only): \$100

Friday night lodging is available (by request) for those that need it

- Double occupancy (includes Saturday breakfast): \$55/person
- Single occupancy (includes Saturday breakfast): \$110/person

## STATE NEWS & INFO

### 4-H Arts Camp

October 5-6, 2024

Camp Upham Woods

Wisconsin Dells, WI

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

The purpose of Arts Camp:

- Encouraging expression and participation in the arts with middle school age youth
- Supporting youth teaching opportunities where they learn to incorporate education, creativity, and reflection into the creative process
- Increasing awareness of the arts and participation in the arts at the club level

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. Call your county 4-H PYD Staff for more information about camper, counselor, and/or chaperone opportunities now!

You can choose one of three pricing options that's right for your family. Simply choose \$100, \$120 or \$140. All payments are confidential and all youth will receive the same great Arts Camp experience.

To participate, please complete this registration form before

September 16: <https://24wi4hartscamp.4honline.com>





## STATE NEWS & INFO

### 4-H Advanced Space Academy

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to announce details for the 2025 Advanced Space Academy! Advanced Space Academy will take place from February 15-22, 2025, and youth will travel to Huntsville, AL via coach bus and get the opportunity to train like an astronaut, learn team building skills at the Space Camp Challenge Course, participate in SCUBA diving at the underwater astronaut trainer, and learn a ton more about Space and STEM!

You can see additional program details on Space Camp's website. Registration is open to youth in grades 10-12 for the 24-25 4-H year, and the cost is \$2,700/per person. Registration will be open in 4HOnline from September 4-30, 2024. We hope to see you when we blast off in February!

**ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!**  
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER

**2025!**

**GRADES:**  
10-12

**REGISTER:**  
SEPT. 4-30

**TRAVEL DATES: FEB. 15-22**

**A MINIMUM OF 36 YOUTH  
ARE REQUIRED FOR THE  
EXPERIENCE**

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

## NEWS FROM EXTENSION

### Human Development & Relationships

Are you a renter or a landlord? Do you understand the specific rights that each party has under Wisconsin rental codes and statutes? Common areas of misunderstanding include rental application fees and the legal eviction process.



**Extension has created two fact sheets to aid tenants and landlords in understanding the legal limits and requirements concerning application fees and eviction notices.** You can find both document on Extension Winnebago County website [here](#).

Extension also offers **Rent Smart**, a tenant education series, to assist renters in developing strong relationships with landlords and understand the rights and responsibilities of being a good tenant.

**Rent Smart** focuses on the knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. **Rent Smart** is designed to help those individuals who have little to no rental experience and those who have had difficulty obtaining rental housing. Successful participants will learn new skills to build positive relationships with landlords and neighbors, gain confidence in their ability to find and maintain affordable housing, understand the application and screening processes used by landlords, and learn the responsibilities and rights of tenants and landlords.

Recent **Rent Smart** participants were asked to name the most important new idea they learned in the program. Their responses included:

- That it is absolutely necessary to pay my rent on time
- Be honest and upfront with the landlord
- What is and isn't legal when it comes to landlord and tenant right

Rent Smart classes are offered online via Zoom and are free of charge!

See the schedule and register for online **Rent Smart** classes!  
<https://bit.ly/4dUIuq8>

# NEWS FROM EXTENSION

## Health & Well-Being

**Block play isn't just child's play—it's a fundamental tool for shaping future innovators.**

As children stack, balance, and engineer with blocks, they're not just building towers; they're constructing a solid foundation in STEM skills. Through hands-on exploration, problem-solving, and collaboration, block play cultivates creativity, spatial reasoning, and engineering principles, setting the stage for a lifetime of curiosity and Discovery in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM!).

Our [Block Party program](#) provides blocks for young learners to play, innovate, and learn. At each event, Extension will set up 5-10 block stations for free play. To learn more about the types of blocks we have available, please click [here!](#)



Our partnerships have allowed us to purchase and provide everything you need to host this event. All we ask you to bring is:

- Committed staff/volunteers to facilitate play (all materials/training provided)
- Space for as many (or as few) block stations as you choose (up to 11)
- 1 ½ – 2 hours set aside for your event

**Interested in hosting a free (to you and participants) block play session?** Extension Winnebago County has resources available! Contact me to learn how to bring block play to your organization or classroom.

*Katherine (Katie) Jaegly*  
920-232-1979

## 4-H FARMERS MARKET TOUR

**Saturday, October 5th**

Join FoodWlse for a tour of the Oshkosh Farmers' Market!

Receive a "thank you" gift of \$10 after the tour

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO REGISTER, CONTACT KRISTINE AT (920) 232-1981



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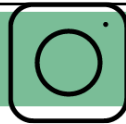
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