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Extension  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY

April 7-11, 2025

Join us for a week of FREE community programs!

625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh

## Community Development

Introduction to Plain Language is back!

Join this FREE virtual workshop to learn strategies for word choice, font selection, grammar use, user testing, and more that help us communicate quickly and effectively with both native and nonnative English speakers.

Still time to sign up for:

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Register at: <http://go.wisc.edu/plain> or by calling Mia at (920) 470-4645

A partnership between UW-Madison's Cultural Linguistic Services and UW-Madison Division of Extension.



### Community Gardens Map

Ready for spring and planting? Check out our Community Gardens Map! Extension for Outagamie and Winnebago counties is on a mission to map out Fox Valley and Oshkosh community gardens.

Find a garden near you at

<https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/community-gardens/>

Add a garden - fill out this [Google Form](#)

Contact for questions: Amy Beck at 920-832-5121

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Winnebago County

# 2025 4-H SUMMER CAMP SAFARI

JUNE 26-29TH  
UPHAM WOODS, WISCONSIN DELLS  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15TH

4-H camps provide youth with the chance to meet new people. 4-H Summer camp is an overnight experience. Youth learn about the natural world, themselves and each other. Activities include hiking on irregular terrain, swimming, canoeing, crafts, art, music, recreation and campfire time. Transportation is included.

Cost  
**\$100**  
per camper

Registration Form:



Grades 3-8



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## Health & Well-Being

We want YOUR help!

Let's Build a Sensory Walk Together!

Be part of history by creating a personalized stepping stone for our new sensory walk! During this **free** hands-on workshop, you'll craft a textured concrete stone that will become a lasting feature in our Outdoor Learning Center. You can also make a second one to take home!

Come get hands-on, connect with the community, and leave a piece of yourself in the landscape for future visitors to enjoy.

April 7, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30pm | [Learn more and register here!](#)

Do you have old beads, buttons, or other trinkets laying around? Donate them to our sensory walk!



### Free Pressure Canner Testing Available

Ensure your home-canned foods are safe by getting your pressure canner tested for free at Extension! In just 15 minutes, we'll check your dial gauge to make sure it's accurate and ready for the canning season. Pressure canners should be tested at least once a year—contact us at 920-232-1979 to schedule your test today!

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## Horticulture

**Spring is Here!** March has been busy, and the season is just getting started!

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**Seed Savers of Oshkosh** recently hosted a successful Spring Seed Swap, bringing local gardeners together to exchange seeds and ideas. Next up is the Soil Block Party on March 30, 2-4 PM, at 1025 Merritt Avenue, Oshkosh. This RSVP-only event will introduce an eco-friendly planting technique. Spots are limited, so email [oshkoshseedsavers@gmail.com](mailto:oshkoshseedsavers@gmail.com) by March 15 to reserve your place.

The **Landscape Professionals Conference** was also a success, offering hands-on training in plant care, soil management, and sustainable landscaping for professionals and community members alike.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Seed Starting for Success on April 11, 5:00 - 6:30 PM**, where we'll cover tips for starting seeds indoors and outdoors. More details to come!

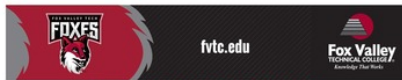
Thank you to everyone who made these events a success. Let's continue to garden sustainably this season!



Happy Gardening!

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**Farm Safety & Equipment Operation**

This course is designed for students 12 to 14 years of age. The Federal and State of Wisconsin require youth who will be operating farm equipment and implements on the highway or working for someone other than a family farm to complete this course. Students who complete this course will receive State of Wisconsin certification and Federal Certification if 14 years of age or older.

**The course requirements are as follows:**

1. Complete virtual training modules following a weekly schedule.
2. Participate in Weekly Virtual Check-ins to cover key components of the material
3. Complete and pass a Written Exam
4. Participate in an in-person training session
5. Pass a Driven exam
6. Pass a Pre-Trip Inspection

Students will need to schedule an orientation at an FVTC Regional Center to gain access to the course. Students will need access to a computer and internet to complete the virtual training modules. Those who don't have access can complete these modules at an FVTC Regional Center during normal business hours. Failure to complete any of the required tasks during the time frame will result in the student not passing the course.

**Virtual Check-ins for all Classes:** Tuesdays - 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

**Written Exam:** May 19, 26, or 31 at the Regional Center between 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

For more information or to enroll please call a regional center.

Registration Deadline for all classes: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Class #	In-person Class	Enroll
<b>Wautoma Regional Center</b>		
10070100-1	June 9 - June 12, 2025 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	920-789-8339
<b>Waupaca Regional Center</b>		
Class #	In-person Class	Enroll
10070100-2	June 16 - June 19, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm	735-942-3700
<b>Clintonville Regional Center</b>		
Class #	In-person Class	Enroll
10070100-3	June 23 - June 26, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm	735-823-2555
<b>Appleton Agriculture Center</b>		
Class #	In-person Class	Enroll
10070100-4	July 7 - July 10, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm	920-735-5645
<b>Chilton Regional Center</b>		
Class #	In-person Class	Enroll
10070100-5	July 14 - July 17, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm	920-849-4466

**\*\*Enrollment is limited to 12 students per class section\*\***

## Crops & Soils

**2025 Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety & Equipment Operation Certification Courses** are scheduled!

This course is designed for students 12 to 14 years of age. The federal and state governments require youth who will be operating farm equipment and implements on the highway or working for someone other than a family farm to complete this course.

Students 14 years or older who complete this course will receive State of Wisconsin certification and Federal Certification.

Class location and dates:

Wautoma | June 9-12

Waupaca | June 16-19

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Appleton | July 7-10

Chilton | July 7-10

For more information, including how to register, see the flyer [HERE](#).

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## FoodWise News

### Celebrate National Nutrition Month®

National Nutrition Month®, established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, is an annual campaign celebrated each March. This month encourages everyone to learn more about making informed food choices and adopting healthful eating and physical activity habits.

The theme for this year is "**Food Connects Us.**" Food has the power to bring us together—connecting us to our cultures, families, and friends. Sharing a meal offers an opportunity to discover its preparation, the story behind it, and where the ingredients come from. Our relationship with food is shaped by various factors such as health, memories, traditions, seasons, and access. In turn, the foods we choose directly impact our health.

Join us this month in celebrating how food connects us all!

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## Human Development & Relationships

End-of-life planning is a gift for your loved ones. A medical crisis can leave you unable to make health care decisions, regardless of age. Join our **Planning AHEAD** program for tools and

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**Dates:** Wednesdays for six weeks, April 2 through May 7

**Time:** 10:00AM-11:30AM

**Location:** Westgor Funeral Home, 1140 Appleton Rd, Menasha

**Cost:** \$20 for workbook, materials, and guest speakers.

(Scholarships available to cover the cost if you are unable to pay)

**Registration:** (920) 832-4763 or online at <https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadWestgor>

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A red banner advertisement for the Horticulture Program. In the top left is the University of Wisconsin-Madison logo (a shield with a 'W'). To its right, the text reads "Horticulture Program", "DIVISION OF EXTENSION", and "UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON". On the left side of the banner, there is a computer monitor showing a hummingbird feeding from pink flowers, and a smartphone showing a yellow flower. A hand icon with a pointing finger is positioned between the monitor and the phone. On the right side, there is a white outline of a bee with a dashed line trailing behind it. The main text "Free Online Gardening Programs" is written in large, white, bold letters on the right side of the banner.

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