

# WINNEBAGO COUNTY



NOV-DEC 2025

NEWSLETTER

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H I ❤️ WE ARE LOOKING FOR CAMP COUNSELORS!

4-H YOUTH IN GRADES 9-13 CAN APPLY!

**2026 4-H SUMMER CAMP**

**COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:**

JUNE 14-17 2026 CAMP LAKOTA

[HTTPS://WINNEBAGO.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/4H/CAMP/](https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/camp/)  
 APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 9, 2026  
 INTERVIEWS & FIRST MEETING: JANUARY 18, 2026

4-H Summer Camp Counselor Info  
See page 6



Extension  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

- 1st- Pizza Making @ Expo Center
- 9th- Cloverbud Blast (Registration Required)
- 12th- MAB 7:30PM @ JPCC
- 13th- Dog Project 6:30 @JPCC
- 18th- Leader Board 7:00PM @ JPCC
- 20th- Cloverbud Science in the Seasons Zoom 6:00PM
- 24th- H&PP 7:00PM @ JPCC
- 27th-28th- OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving



## December

- 10th- MAB 7:30PM @JPCC
- 11th- Fair Board 7:00PM @ JPCC
- 14th- Holiday Cookie Exchange (Registration Required)
- 22nd- H&PP 7:00PM @JPCC
- 24th-25th- OFFICE CLOSED for Christmas
- 31st- OFFICE CLOSED for New Year's Eve



### 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 4:30 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

## FUNDRAISING



### 4-H PIZZA MAKING NOVEMBER 1, 2025



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE PIZZAS**

**Sign up at:**

**<http://bit.ly/432NjuF>**

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### 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**



## LEADER'S ASSOCIATION

The Leaders Association created two baby baskets to be given to the "First Baby Born During National 4-H week" The baskets were taken to ThedaCare in Neenah and Aurora In Oshkosh. Simply a fun way to celebrate and do a little outreach.



# 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 Kuehn—(920) 836-1736**  
**NEXT MEETING: TBD**

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H

# CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING

(OFFICER TRAINING)

**JANUARY 7, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**JAMES P. COUGHLIN CENTER**  
**GRADES 3-13**

- Team Building
- Communication Skills
- Lead Your Club with Confidence
- Pizza!

**Register by December 31, 2025**

<http://bit.ly/47iorAm>



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP

## We Are Looking for 2026 4-H Summer Camp Counselors!

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

2026 4-H Summer Camp will take place at Camp Lakota June 14-17th.

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 January 9th**

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

### Group Interview Process:

- Please prepare a 30 sec – 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. The interviewing panel may ask you some questions.
- After the commercials are completed, we will have our first camp counselor meeting where we will discuss camp roles and expectations as well as brainstorm a 2026 camp theme and discuss camp counselor training schedule

**The GROUP Interview and first meeting will take place on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 3PM at the James P. Coughlin Center. The group interview/first meeting is MANDATORY.**

WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H

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I ❤️ 4-H

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# EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

## Did you know...

4-H Clubs have access to \$200 for educational activities and events!

As mentioned at the last All County 4-H meeting, clubs have the ability to request \$200 from the Leaders' Association to use toward educational activities and events. We were excited to hear that Plain V-U 4-H Club is utilizing these funds to bring in a presenter about birds of prey (owls) to one of their next club meetings.



## Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association Club Educational Funding Request



The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association offers a \$200 per community club in the 2025-2026 fiscal year as an Educational Funding Grant. This grant should be used to further your community club's educational goals for its members. The youth president and Club Leader will complete this form & submit to the Finance Committee for review and consideration. If approved, grant monies will be released.

### Funding Support Guidelines

- Winnebago County community clubs have the option to apply for this grant.
- A limit of \$200 per community club will be provided
- Application must designate an education purpose to benefit the community club
- The Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association requests from the club youth a recap of the grant's use.

<b>Club Adult Leader:</b> _____	<b>Name of 4-H Club:</b> _____
<b>List the events and/or efforts intended for this Grant Request. What is the timeline for use?</b>	
<b>What are your educational goals for this Grant Request:</b> (Introducing projects, growing your club's membership, community impact, etc)	

**Club Youth President Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Adult Leader Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Leader Email & Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed request via e-mail to [finance@winnebago4hleaders.org](mailto:finance@winnebago4hleaders.org), drop at the JPCC Leaders Board mailbox or mail to the following address:

Winnebago County 4-H Leaders' Association  
ATTN: Finance Committee  
625 E. County Road Y, Suite 600, Oshkosh, WI 54901

<b>For Winnebago County Leaders Association Use Only</b>		
Date Received: _____	Date Reviewed: _____	Review Team: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason: _____		

Revised 6/1/2025

# 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

Winnebago County 4-H



# 4-H for Good!

2025-2026

Program Year Theme:  
**Community Service**

## 4-H Families



During the **2025-2026** program year, we will be placing an emphasis on something 4-H-ers are great at... **COMMUNITY SERVICE!**

We will incorporate community service elements into much of our county wide 4-H activities such as our...

- 4-H Holiday Cookie Exchange
- 4-H Leadership Training (officer training)
- 4-H Fun Day
- 4-H Summer Camps
- Special Community Service Workshops

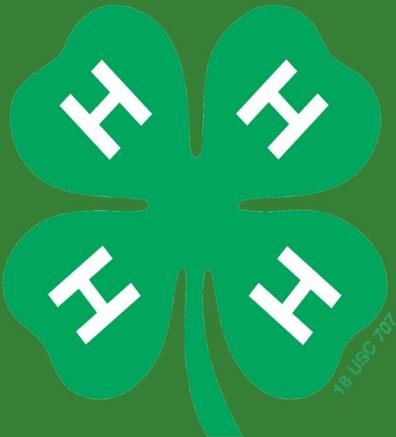
### Why?

As a positive youth development organization...

- We care about the community around us.
- Youth accomplish something that is meaningful to the self and consequential for the world beyond the self.

### How does my club become involved?

- Help plan and participate in community service projects with your club.
- Share photos and info about your community service projects in the 4-H newsletter!



# 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Winnebago County 4-H Community Service

### Ridgeway



Ridgeway 4H supports our communities in many ways, but one of our proudest accomplishments is our annual Birthday Bag making project. This year we donated 375 Birthday bags that contain supplies to make a birthday cake. These bags are given to families who cannot afford a cake on their birthday, so that they celebrate their special day. We are beyond proud of our club for impacting so many lives, and cannot wait to help more people blow out their candles, and make their wishes come true!

**Happy National 4-H Week!**



## Winnebago County 4-H Community Service



### Poygan Go-Getters

In 2023 we sang carols to residents at Country Villa in Omro. This was not only enjoyed by residents but club members and families as well. This last year November (2024), PGG youth, under the direction of Diane Room, were taught not only how to play the ukulele but learned to play Christmas songs. Once comfortable, we added in the carolers and were ready to go to Country Villa again to spread good cheer. Youth sang and played the ukulele at County Villa.



We look forward to playing and singing as a club again this December.

**Happy National  
4-H Week!**



## COMMUNITY SERVICE



### Winnebago County 4-H Community Service

#### Horse & Pony Project

Every year, the Winnebago County Horse & Pony Project hosts an Autism ride for Autistic kids in the community.



Happy National  
4-H Week!



## FALL FAMILY BANQUET AWARDS

### Youth Leadership Awards

Annie Beck  
Mariana Oeftger  
Lilly Plungy  
Briana Zentner

### Youth Challenge Awards

Charlotte LaChey  
Chloe Eisele

### Friend In 4-H

Kyle Domke

### Friend of 4-H

Linda Koon

### Alumni of the Year

Ashlynn Numrich

### Volunteer of the Year

Kim Brzozowski

### Lifetime Volunteer

Kay Lettau



View banquet program: <https://winnebago.extension.wisc.edu/4h/awards/>

# FALL FAMILY BANQUET



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## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### **4-H Friends– September**

The September 7th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3pm. 19 members and 11 parents were present. Reminders that the Halloween Skating party is next month and November 1st is re-enrollment for the next 4-H year. Jon's demonstration was presenting his fair trophy he got for showing his bunny, Betty. And Fiona shared her fair trophy as well that she earned from the Legally Blonde costume she got for Betty in the costume contest. They both told us how they care for Betty and how they got her ready for fair. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm by Chloe and seconded by Becket. Our next meeting is October 5th at Calvary Lutheran Church at 3pm.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

### **4-H Friends– October**

The October 5th meeting of the 4-H Friends 4-H club was called to order at 3pm by Vice President Max. 18 members and 8 parents were present. The secretary minutes were read and approved by Chloe and seconded by Grace C. Re-enrollment is November 1st, Cloverbud Blast is coming up, and Pizza orders are due this month. We recognized Grace Clayton and John Selenka for being Cloverbud graduates this year! Jon Robbins was also recognized for participating in Space Camp plus Grace, Max, and Anna for being in Interstate Exchange. Anna and Max received recognition for being 4-H Camp counselors and Anna was recognized for going on American Spirit. Max presented a demonstration of his computer that he put together. He showed all the working parts and explained what is needed in a computer. Anna had a presentation on her American Spirit experience. It included the places she went and the things she learned. A craft was organized by the Eisele family. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm by Becket and seconded by Issac. Our next meeting will be November 2nd at 3pm at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Submitted by Anna Thiemke

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### **Newcomers**

Our October meeting started at 3:18 pm at the Buttke Farm. Harrison Shea led in the pledges. For our old business, we talked about the club calendar and new officers. For new business, we talked about registration, Kwik Trip car wash fundraiser, and pizza making. Ava Preston led in the birthday song for Mallory, Vanessa, and Macy. Vanessa Poppy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ava Preston seconded it. Our meeting ended at 3:33 pm. After the meeting we went on a hayride, had a potluck, and the officers led in some games.

Written by Macy Morse

# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## County Line Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2025

Maxine called the meeting to order. The boys in the club led both pledges. Members took turns reading the minutes out loud. Shirley made a motion to accept the minutes.

Henry 2nd Motion passed.

### Old business:

Lauretta H. talked about bringing her bunnies to the fair and getting a trophy. Atlas D. talked about bringing his rabbits to the fair and receiving a trophy. Violet P. talked about the fair rides. And Daphne D. talked about working at the dipper. Over the summer the members participated in a lot of activities. Violet talked about Rooster dreams painting. Henry spoke about 4-H camp and it being his first year. Daphne D. talked about our Bay Beach club trip.

### Current Business:

Re-enrollment opens September 4th- November 1st

New project guides for each family were handed out.

You can change projects up until January 2026.

A budget for the club was discussed and a motion to pass was made by Shirley S. and second by Lauretta H. It passed Bylaws were discussed Brynn made the motion to pass them, Violet 2nd them. They passed.

Record books need to be given to the club leader so she can look at them before they get turned in.

National 4H week is coming up and the club discussed cleaning up a section of road.

4-H pizza sales due to Nancy Pieper by October 18th unless ordered online.

### Elections were held:

Vice President- Atlas Dautes

Treasurer -Maxine Harleman

Secretary- Brynn Perkins

Historian- Lauretta Harleman

President - Lark Scott who moves up from being vice-president last year



# CLUB HAPPENINGS

October meeting will be the installation of officers. Bring your item for potluck and a fair project to talk about. Start making Christmas cards for the nursing home. We need to make or have 56 cards in total for them. We talked about playing instruments for Care partners and having our Christmas party with them. Nancy Pieper brought September refreshments, we did a scrap painting for our cat theme for the October meeting. Start planning for November's veterans' day meeting. Icebreakers and refreshments will be by the Dauntes Family, Speaker Mr. Harleman. Members bring photos of veterans in their family. Chloe made a motion to close the meeting. Atlas second. Motion passed.

After the meeting we made scrape paintings of cats to be the table decorations at the pot-luck in October.



# CLUB HAPPENINGS

## **Farming Friends**

The Farming Friends 4-H Club Meeting was called to order by President Aliyah Eckstein at 4:36 p.m. 24 members were present.

**Pledges**-Led by Lyllah Hazelwood

**Secretary's Report** -There was no secretary's report to be read aloud.

**Treasurer's Report**-The treasurer's report was read aloud by treasurer Lily Noffke. A motion to accept the report was made by Abby Noffke and seconded by Dylan Barter.

**Activity: Aliyah held minute-to-win it games, the final winners were Owen Murray and Abby Noffke.**

## **Old Business**

- The meeting location was officially changed to the Winchester Town Hall, and will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
- We will possibly be holding a fundraiser at United Co-op, we will be doing a brat fry on the dates of 10/2, 11/2, 11/8.
- Re-enrollment deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Club Audit was completed and waiting to be approved.
- There is a new project book, some entry titles were changed, make sure to closely check when enrolling this year.
- Standards for Volunteers- must be a registered volunteer through 4-H by 12/1 to volunteer with our club.
- Fall Pizza Sale orders and money are due at this meeting; set-up is 10/31 and pizza making is 11/1.
- Mr. Vinyl has created our new club shirts and an online store, there are 3 options: T-shirts, sweatshirts and crewnecks.

## **New Business**

- Dues were increased to \$8.00; a motion was made by Arah Schulke for the club to cover costs and seconded by Abram Hazelwood.
- A motion was made by Dot Bongert to purchase both a 4-H flag and American for our club and was seconded by Dylan Barter.
- We discussed when we should start the carwash and candy bar fundraiser.
- There is a \$200.00 grant opportunity from the leader's board for club education.
- Charter application was discussed.
- A MAB meeting update was given by Melissa and Alissa.
- WCFA update was given by Ryan, Kate, and Travis.
- The December meeting was changed due to cookie and candy making.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

November 9<sup>th</sup>: at 4:30 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Aliyah Eckstein at 6:09 p.m. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dylan Barter and seconded by Abram Hazelwood.

The meeting was followed by the meal and some games of Bingo led by Aliyah Eckstein.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Poygan Go-Getters– September

The Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order on September 14, 2025 at 4:07pm by Kaitlyn Resop. Pledges were led by Audrey Stafford and Savanna Rhinehart. Roll call and the secretary's report was led by Ava Larson and the Treasurer's report was given by Riley McCollian. Club dues of \$10 can be paid to the Treasurer now and preferably by the November 9th meeting. We welcomed two new families as well as celebrated September birthdays. Open enrollment is now through November 1st. 4-H pizza sale fundraiser is now. Please consider volunteering on November 1st day of pizza making. We discussed club outings as well as community service and volunteer ideas. Youth interested in playing ukulele for caroling in December are to let Diane Kromm know. A practice schedule will be shared in October.

Reminder we have a Pizza Ranch club fundraiser scheduled for December 8th. Kaitlyn shared Horse and Pony project updates as well as other Winnebago County 4-H updates. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2025 and we'll be holding officer elections. We will also have our Halloween costume contest and games after the meeting. Kennedy Black made a motion, 2nd by Drew Acherberg, to adjourn our meeting at 5pm.

Written by Ava Larson

## Save the Date!



**4-H Fun Day**  
**February 7th, 2026**  
**Perry Tipler Middle School**

We are in need of 4-H volunteers to teach sessions! If you have a special talent or a fun make-n-take project to share and teach, please contact [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu) by November 15th.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### **Poygan Go-Getters–October**

The Poygan Go-Getters meeting was called to order on October 12, 2025 at 4:05pm by Kaitlyn Resop. Pledges were led by Devyn Gietman and Claire Sawitski. Roll call and the secretary's report was led by Ava Larson and the Treasurer's report was given by Riley McCollian. Club dues of \$10 can be paid to the Treasurer now and preferably by the November 9th meeting. We celebrated one October birthday, Kennedy Black. Open enrollment is now through November 1st. Adult volunteers have until December 1st to complete online education. The club bylaws were updated and approved. 4-H pizza sale fundraiser is still running. Please consider signing up to make pizzas on November 1st. Erin shared upcoming community service partnering with Omro Community Pantry, tentative date 10/28 at 5pm making 60 family thanksgiving bags. We'll also be collecting food or personal hygiene donations and should be brought to our next meeting. Erin will share a wish list with the club. At our December meeting we'll be decorating Advocap bags as well as throughout December playing ukulele and caroling at area assisted living facilities. Please let Diane Kromm know if you'd like to learn to play. A practice schedule will be shared soon. Reminder we have a Pizza Ranch club fundraiser scheduled for December 8th. Kaitlyn shared Horse and Pony project updates as well as other Winnebago County 4-H updates. Ellie shared Dog project updates. We held officer elections and congratulations to our new officers:

President - Ava Larson

Vice President - Hannah Zilm

Secretary - Devyn Gietman

Treasurer - Riley McCollian

Historian - Avery Gorte

Recreational Coordinator - Savanna Rhinehart

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2025 and we'll be having our Thanksgiving potluck following the meeting. Erin will send out sign-up genius. Kaylee Giddings made a motion, 2nd by Devyn Gietman, to adjourn our meeting at 5:13pm. Following the meeting was a Halloween costume contest, games and caramel apple sundaes.

Written by Ava Larson

# CLUB HAPPENINGS



## Ridgeway 4-H Club

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, 6:30 pm

- Meeting is called to order by Evan Numrich
- Pledges led by Sergeant-at-Arms Joey Nowak and Cloverbuds
- Secretary's minutes shared by Lilly Plungy
- June 2025 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's report shared by Mari Oeftger - alternate?
- June 2025 Monthly Club Treasurer's Summary Report
- Please pay dues after new amounts approved tonight, check payable to Ridgeway 4-H Club
- Historian Report Sam Davies

Share photo for historian album of each member! - use this link - <https://band.us/n/a5a1A5Y52cPe5>

Pop up Reports - Members "Pop Up" if attended & tell us 1 sentence about it!

### **Old (unfinished) Business:**

- Signup for Refreshments/Meeting Hosts & Demonstrations Here!
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44A5A828A5FA7-58268862-icebreakers#/>
- To be an active member and earn a wristband remember each member will
- Provide a demo to the club
- Family will help host a meeting at least 2x during the year
- Preview of Spin the Wheel Prizes (Alivia Haller)
- Spin the Wheel!
- Record book submission information.
- Drop off at Numrich's no later than 10/1st for reading by Carol Poppy)

Digital & Video Record Books Submissions: Drive Link Here -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zupyd7qiFKc685JSKcDVCSDifXx6ATKf>

- This provides time for review before due at the Extension office by 10/15th.
- If you need leader comments from Mrs. Numrich signed, please ask
- Record books not submitted today, please text Mrs. Numrich for a drop off time.

Record Book Information & Criteria for Review Here

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### New Business:

- Monthly Birthday Spin the Wheel! (June/July/Aug./Sept. Birthdays)
- Vote on new Fundraiser/County Dues rate. (From \$15 total to \$20 total)
- Our expenses are more than income, we need to offset this

### **Dates to Remember - add to calendars**

- Ridgeway Achievement Night Sunday November 9th (Confirming available at JPCC soon)
- Officer Training Friday Nov. 14th at the Numrichs
- Winter Party & Parkview Caroling Performance: Sunday December 7th
- New Events!
- See the New Upcoming Events section for more details! County Newsletter pages listed by each event.
- Vote on a new picture for the agenda in October!
- Meeting Adjournment
- Activity: Officer Elections
- Youth Nominations: State Name, Grade and Why you'd like to run for this office
- Nominations and voting will proceed in the following order: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian Chairman, and Sergeant at Arms

### **Next Club Meeting:**

October 14th STEM Challenges! Work in teams and solve challenges together!

# 4-H ALL COUNTY MEETING

**Tuesday, January 27th  
7:00 PM @JPCC**

# HALLOWEEN SKATING PARTY

Happy  
Halloween!



Winners of age 8 and under



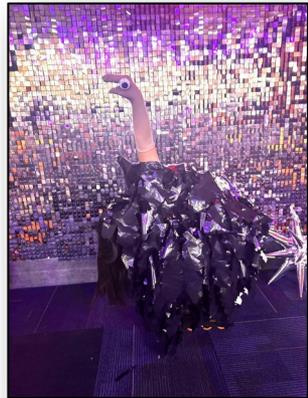
Winners for age 9-11



Winners for age 12-13



Winners for age 14 and up



Winning "Pose"

# PROJECT NEWS & INFO

Winnebago County Bring A Friend Event!

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-3:00PM  
@JPCC

4-H Holiday  
**Cookie**  
Exchange, Craft &  
Community Service!



**\*Bring a non 4-H Friend to this event!**

**\*Bring 4 dozen of one type of cookie or bar to exchange.**

**\*Bring copies of your recipe.**

**Make snowman ornaments to take home.**

**Create holiday cards for Parkview Health Center Residents**

**Enjoy your cookies with some hot cocoa!**

**Deadline to register is Dec 7th**

**Register: <https://bit.ly/46PE9Ea>**



WINNEBAGO COUNTY 4-H

## CROCHET CLASSES ARE BACK!

We have some great new things lined up to make and some fun work days scheduled from now until June!

Click the link below to see class descriptions and sign up for classes.

These classes are open to 4-H Youth and adults. Each class will describe the skill level required. If there are multiple family members who would like to sign up, please complete the form for person A and then start the form again for person B and so on. We can't wait to see you and your creations!

**Register at:**  
**<https://bit.ly/478XZLc>**



# PROJECT NEWS & INFO

## CLOVERBUDS...

Join us!  
Autumnal Equinox  
Science in the Seasons  
Zoom

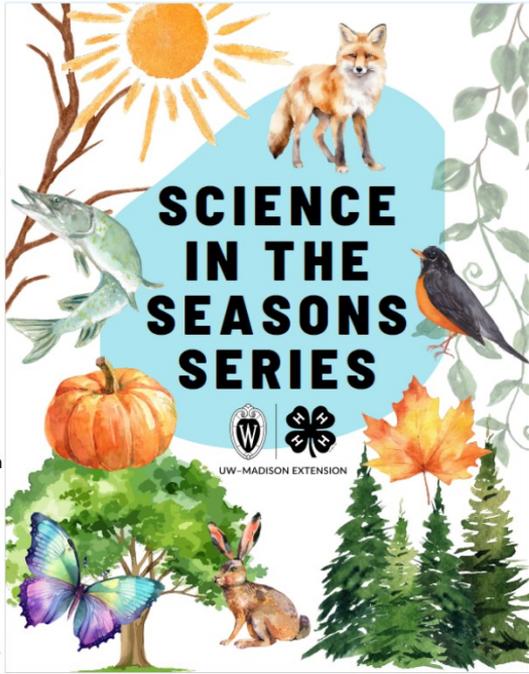
November 20th  
6PM

Join at:  
<https://bit.ly/3HvJVRF>

During this zoom you will  
share what you learned from  
your Autumn mailing pack.



Didn't receive the mailing?  
Email [dana.berger@wisc.edu](mailto:dana.berger@wisc.edu)



Winnebago County 4-H

# WI GEODE WORKSHOP

at Fire Escape  
927 Oregon St, Oshkosh

January 10, 2026

Grades 3 and up

Cost: \$10.00 each

Space limited to 20 youth

Register by January 2, 2026

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



# PROJECT NEWS & INFO

## Dog Project

The Winnebago County 4-H Dog project met Oct 16 at the Oshkosh Area Humane Society for their monthly education meeting. All were impressed by all the services the nonprofit provides to the community beyond sheltering lost and abandoned cats and dogs.



Participants were able to tour the facility as well as watch a video describing their many services from surgeries, vaccination clinics, wellness appointments, animal food pantry, adoption and fostering services and so much more. The project donated a large bag of dog food and members donated many items from their want list from treats to paper towels.

The Community Coordinator gave an excellent program for our youth that was interesting and informative.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 13 at the Coughlin Center at 6:30 p.m. we will be doing a Christmas community service project for nursing home residents.



# WELCOME BACK ARIANNA

Hi my name is Arianna, and I am a 4-H AmeriCorps member for the 2025-2026 school year. I grew up in 4-H spending 9 years in the program as a youth. I then spent 2 summers as a program assistant/4-H volunteer.

I will be working on outreach at local libraries, after school programs, and boys and girls' clubs. Currently I have December and January full of Cricut workshops! February to May is slowly starting to fill up as well. Some of the upcoming programs include photography, Detective science, Wizarding, and a restoration project! I'm so excited to share all the great things 4-H has to offer with youth who are not currently part of the program.



## COUNTY NEWS & INFO

### **Meat Animal Board**

Welcome to our new MAB Members Derek Reese and Tanya Weis. Also Thank you goes out to Madelyn Poppy and Addie Gilson for serving on our JR Board, and Welcome to Scarlett Poppy and Aliyah Eckstein to our Jr. Board

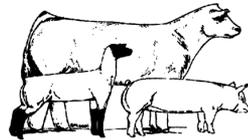
### **2025 – 2026 Meat Animal Board**

Sharon Gibson -President  
Chad Nickerson – Vice President  
Cassie Albright - Secretary  
Breana Egan – Treasurer  
Ben Gibson – Salesclerk  
Jeff Gibson  
Andy Ronk  
Colby Gibson  
Alissa Murray  
Melissa Noffke  
Derek Reese  
Tanya Weis

### **25 - 26 Junior Board**

Hailie Domke  
Vanessa Poppy  
Carver Nickerson  
Scarlett Poppy  
Aliyah Eckstein

Winnebago County



Meat Animal Board

**Next Meeting is November 12th at 7:30 PM at JPCC  
No Meeting in December.**

# STATE NEWS & INFO

## American Spirit

American Spirit is a Positive Youth Development Institute Youth Empowerment state educational experience.

**About 4-H American Spirit – 2026 dates are June 19-28, 2026 and July 3 – 12, 2026**

The 4-H American Spirit Experience is an opportunity for youth in grades 8-10 to immerse themselves in history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. Staff and volunteers plan and facilitate the experience, while youth participants lead content throughout. Participants will increase their knowledge of American history by visiting significant sites and gain unique exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives foundational to our nation. This program will also focus on career readiness, leadership development, and experiential learning around history and civics, with an emphasis on diversity and the challenges that different groups of people have faced. Additionally, participants will develop positive relationships with adults and peers from across the state.

### American Spirit Experience Objectives for its Participants:

1. **Enhance Historical Knowledge:** Participants will deepen their understanding of American history by visiting significant historical sites and learning about key events and figures.
2. **Promote Cultural Awareness:** Participants will gain exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives, fostering a greater appreciation for the diversity that shapes our nation.
3. **Develop Leadership Skills:** Through leading content and activities, participants will build and refine their leadership abilities, preparing them for future roles in their communities and careers.
4. **Foster Career Readiness:** The program will provide opportunities for participants to explore career paths and develop skills that are essential for future employment, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.
5. **Build Positive Relationships:** Participants will form meaningful connections with adults and peers from across the state, creating a supportive network and enhancing their social capital.

### Highlighted Location(s):

- Nappanee, Indiana
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New York City, New York
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts
- Gloucester, Massachusetts
- Salem, Massachusetts
- Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (**A passport will be needed!**)
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### Application & Registration is a two step process.

Applications will be done through 4HOnline and application dates are **November 1-30, 2025**. Staff will finalize participants based on the appropriate number of participants, room assignments by identified gender, space on the bus, age of participants, and date registered. You will be sent additional details after registration with more information on American Spirit and the orientation. Payment is due mid-April, 2026.

## Space Camp

*Space Camp is a Positive Youth Development Institute Experiential Learning state educational experience.*

**April 23-27, 2026**

### What is Space Camp?

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the [Pathfinder Program](#). The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, such as:



- A Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface of the moon) with a team of other 4-Her's.
- A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot.
- Building and launching their own model rocket.
- On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience.
- Learning all about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert.
- A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp.

Those are just a few of the activities that youth will experience while at Space Camp. Every activity has an educational purpose with the goal of teaching kids all about space, STEM, and teamwork. All of these activities are done in a team with other 4-H youth and adults from across the state of Wisconsin. Speaking of 4-H, you might be wondering, why does Wisconsin 4-H go to Space Camp every year, when it's something that anyone can do by going there themselves? Well, Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is more than just Space Camp!

### The Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Experience

Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space. They are led by a team of trained Adult Advisors. As a 4-H program, our goals for youth who go through Space Camp are:

- To have the opportunity to learn in an exciting environment away from school.
- To develop social skills by meeting new people and working as a team.
- To have the opportunity to learn life skills in a situation that is unfamiliar to them.
- To have the opportunity to develop leadership skills..

## STATE NEWS & INFO

Questions about Space Camp that you can't find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu) or 608-263-5971.

Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp.

### Registration:

- Register through 4HOnline for Space Camp. Registration will be open from November 15-December 15 prior to program year.
- Delegates will be notified by the State 4-H Office by January 12 of the program year whether they are attending or wait-listed.
- Registration is done through 4HOnline. If you need assistance with how to register for an event in 4HOnline, instructions are available on our site here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlcparticipate/>
- After registration closes, delegates will be sent a link to register for Space Camp through the Space Camp website. All delegates must register online for Space Camp prior to March 1st.

## NEWS FROM EXTENSION

# Wisconsin idea Week 2026 Winnebago County



April 6 - 10, 2026

## A Constellation of Community

- ★ A showcase of Extension Programming
- ★ Open to everyone in the community
- ★ Coincides with National Public Health Week
- ★ Program & Partner Fair to engage with others
- ★ Featuring **BADGER TALKS**
- ★ Schedule will be announced in January



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# NEWS FROM EXTENSION

## Human Development & Relationships

### Free Planning AHEAD series!

End-of-life planning is the ultimate gift you can give your loved ones. At any age, a medical crisis could leave you unable to communicate your own health care decisions. Join us for [Planning AHEAD](#), a multi-session program that gives you the tools and resources to help begin or continue the end-of-life planning process.



This type of planning, including advance care planning, is not just for people how are old or ill. Anyone aged 18 or older should plan for the uncertainties of life.

Plan ahead - don't leave a mess, leave a legacy.

**Series Dates:** Tuesdays, November 11, 18, & 25.

**Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**Location:** Appleton Public Library (200 N. Appleton Street)

**Cost:** FREE

**Register** by calling 920-832-5121 or online at [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadAPL)

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*Todd Wenzel*

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## Health & Well-Being

[WeCOPE](#) Returns! Managing life's challenges in healthy ways allows us to take better care of ourselves and others. Join us for WeCOPE, a FREE, evidence-based program that helps adults cope with daily stress.



We have an upcoming WeCOPE series:

**IN-PERSON:** Fridays | 1:30-2:30pm

Omro Community Center

No registration is needed. **There is no cost to attend this class.**

- **November 7:** Positive Reappraisal

- **November 14:** Self-Compassion, Acts of Kindness

- **November 21:** Personal Strengths, Attainable Goals

Questions? Contact Katie!

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# NEWS FROM EXTENSION

## Community Development

### Fast Pitch Business Competition is back!

Got a bold business idea or venture ready for its next leap? Step into the spotlight at the annual [Fast Pitch](#), part of the [New North Pitch Series](#)!



**Applications are open October 1-31.**

Event details:

**November 11, 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Bordini Center at Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

Cash Prizes!

Partners: UW-Oshkosh SBDC, Fox Cities Chamber, UW-Madison Extension, Oshkosh Chamber, Venture Center at FVTC

Sponsors: New North, NEW Launch Alliance, WBD

Questions? Contact Mia Ljung at [mia.ljung@wisc.edu](mailto:mia.ljung@wisc.edu) or call 920-470-4645

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## Horticulture

### Help your yard survive a dry fall and a cold winter!

The past month has been very dry in Winnebago County. We've had only about 1.5 inches of rain in the last four weeks - that's less than half of what trees and grass need to stay healthy! On top of that, we've had some hot days, even though this time of year we usually see our first frost.



Some rural areas have gotten close to freezing, but cities like Oshkosh stay a little warmer because of buildings and pavement. This means urban trees and lawns are dealing with big swings in temperature. Because of this, without enough water in the soil, plants are more likely to get damaged when winter hits.

To help your trees and lawn stay healthy:

- **Keep watering** until the ground freezes
- **Young trees** may need up to 2 inches of water each week
- **Water slowly and deeply** so it reaches the roots
- **Keep mowing** your lawn until the grass stops growing
- **Only fertilize trees** after the leaves fall, or wait until early spring

**Happy Gardening!**

*Jacob Kluza*

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WORD SEARCH

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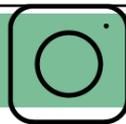
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