



COMMUNICATOR

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It's That Time of Year Again!

It's that time of year again where winter weather can be very unpredictable. Due to any unforeseen weather conditions some UW-Extension programs may cancel without notice. In these instances, you will be sent an email notifying you of the cancellation. If you don't receive an email or are unsure if the meeting has been canceled, please contact the UW-Extension Office for more information. Evening program / meeting cancellations will be done by 3:00pm.

Winter Activities Need Insurance

Just a reminder that most winter activities (skiing, sledding, tubing, etc.) are not covered by our normal \$1.00 per year per member insurance taken out on all enrolled members in the 4-H program. These activities require additional insurance that can be purchased for a very small fee per participant. This special activity insurance will also cover non-4-H members if your club has invited other youth to an event and will cover adults and volunteers participating in the event. To get this extra insurance for your event contact Sky sky.holt@wisc.edu at least 1 week prior to your event.

Notice to All Groups Using the Meeting Rooms @ Baldwin Ag Building

If you are holding an event or meeting at the Ag Center kindly remember:

- Please make sure you lock the front door of the Ag Service Building
- Shut off all of the lights following your meeting
- Place all garbage in receptacles
- Return the table and chairs in the layout you found them in

Volunteer Enrollment - Are you approved?

If you have not yet received an email stating you are an approved volunteer **ACTION IS NEEDED!** Please go into your 4-H online account to review what steps you still need to take. **You may not participate in 4-H**

Events or Meetings until this is done! All 4-H volunteer leaders will need to comply with the following training requirements:



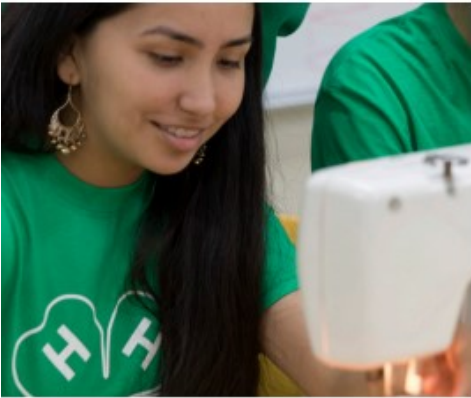
- Federal background check (every 4 years) - you can complete this online or via paper
- Mandated Reporter Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Title IX Reporting Training (all volunteers must complete this at least once)
- Supporting Youth Mental Health Training (all volunteers who are planning on being a 4-H chaperone)
- **NEW** Building Safe Spaces (if you enrolled after December 1, 2022)

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St. Croix County 4-H
and
Extension St Croix County

4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service, and
my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."*



Dear 4-H Families,

Bring 4-H to your home this holiday season with 15 fun, hands-on activities!

Holiday Activity Guide | National 4-H Council

We created the 4-H Holiday Activity Guide with 15 activities to help your kid continue doing and learning this holiday season.

Download the 4-H Holiday Activity Guide here: <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/holiday-activity-guide/>

Happy Holiday's and Happy 4-H'ing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sky Holt".

Sky Holt
St. Croix County 4-H Program Educator
sky.holt@wisc.edu



CALENDAR

January

- 2 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 9 Robotics Programming
- 10 Livestock Rules & Committee Meeting
- 12 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 14 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 16 UWEX Office Closed - MLK Holiday
- 17 Leaders Association Meeting
- 20 Camp Counselor Application Deadline
- 22 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Jan 13)
- 22 Canine Behavior, Bite Prevention and Reactivity
- 22 Quiz Bowl/Hippology Info & Kick-Off Meeting
- 23 Robotics Programming
- 28 4-H Food Expo
- 29 Dog Agility & Rally



February

- 4 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Jan 27)
- 5 Full Moon - Telescope Viewing
- 6 Horse Project Drill Team Commitment Meeting
- 6 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 6 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 9 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 10 Fair Board Meeting
- 13 Robotics Programming
- 25 Clover College
- 27 Robotics Programming



March

- 1 Enrollment Deadline to show at St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- 6 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 6 Dog Project Committee Meeting
- 7 Full Moon - Telescope Viewing
- 9 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 13 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline March 6)
- 13 Robotics Programming
- 15 4-H Deadline to add/delete projects
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting
- 25 Clover University



2022 Gingerbread Workshop

In December youth from throughout St. Croix County participated in a Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop.



CLUB INFORMATION

2023 4-H Clover College SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 25, 2023

This fun filled day is open to all youth (4-H and non) grades K—5. The day will be filled with a variety of workshops for youth to explore different 4-H projects. Youth will take home several completed fair projects. Registration information will be sent out shortly!



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE APPLICATION - DUE JANUARY 3RD:

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Held at a Washington DC area hotel (Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA), it's usually scheduled around the beginning of April. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including seven from Wisconsin.



The application for National 4-H Conference is now available for youth in grades 10-12. You can find the application available here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/11/2023-Application-Natl-Conf-1.pdf> Applications are due January 3, 2023. If you would like more information about National 4-H Conference, you can find information on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>

2023 4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Do you enjoy working with younger members in 4-H? Have you had experience planning activities for younger members? Have you worked with other members your age to organize group activities? If you answered yes to any of these questions, think about applying to be a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor. Serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of. Counselors (youth grades 8-12) will make up a team from three different counties and focus their skills to develop a great 2023 summer camp program for youth.

Please complete applications by January 20 at <https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3> or paper application on next page.

Selected camp counselors need to be able to attend camp counselor training and attend all days of camp. If you have questions, please contact Sky. sky.holt@wisc.edu



Camp Counselor Application Due: January 20

Must currently be in grades 8-12 to apply

**8th graders will be considered for Counselors in Training if space allows*

Send completed application to:

Or E-Mail (or google forms: <https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3>)

Name		Current Age	Birth Date	Male	Female
Address			City		Zip
County	Club		Grade in School	Years in 4-H	
Cell Phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T-shirt size (adult sizes)				
Email					
Have you previously attended a Camp Counselor Training Workshop?					
If so, when and where?					
Do you want to be considered for a junior director's position?				Yes	No
What skills would you bring to this junior director's position?					
List camps (4-H and non 4-H) which you have attended:				camper or counselor	
Camp			Year	Camper	Counselor

Training Dates: We have 4 scheduled training for camp counselors, do you have any conflicts for the following dates, please X any dates you have a conflict (leave blank if you can attend)

	Training Session 1 (Zoom): Connection and Planning: Sunday, February 12 at 6:30-7:30pm
	Training Session 2 (Zoom): Policies and Planning: Sunday, March 5 at 6:30-7:30pm
	In-person training day: Final planning, skits, songs, follow-up to policies, camp rules, letters, etc. (1-5): Sunday, April 30 from 1-5 in St. Croix Falls 4-H Building
	Final Date: Tuesday, June 13 at Camp Kiwanis (10AM-2PM)

Camp Activities

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Please check all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/> archery	<input type="checkbox"/> games & recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> arts & crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> nature
<input type="checkbox"/> campfire programs	<input type="checkbox"/> nature activities (other than water)
<input type="checkbox"/> canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> relay games
<input type="checkbox"/> drama activities	<input type="checkbox"/> science discovery activities
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> singing
<input type="checkbox"/> flag ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/> swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> foods & nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> other (describe)

Describe your experiences with 5 of the camp activities you identified on the front page.

Explain why you want to be a camp counselor.

What do you want to learn from your experiences as a camp counselor?

Please list the names, phone number, and e-mail of 2 references (one 4-H adult, and one non 4-H adult). These individuals may be contacted about your leadership potential as a camp counselor.

(Applicant signature)

(Date completed)

Rolling Hills 4-H Club in December



Rolling Hills bell ringing for the Salvation Army

Photo submitted by Evelyn Bakken



Rolling Hills held its monthly December meeting. At this meeting they wore festive holiday clothing and had a gingerbread house contest.

Photo submitted by Evelyn Bakken, club reporter

2022-2023 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Reminder to members attending 4-H trips this year - don't forget you are eligible to apply for a trip scholarship to help cover the some of the cost of the trip.

Forms can be found **HERE** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

1st Deadline – For trips scheduled in November 2022-January 2023, application deadline is no later than November 4, 2022 at 5:00pm.

2nd Deadline – For trips scheduled in February 2023-June 30, 2023, application deadline is no later than March 31, 2023 at 5:00pm.

What's Up with Your Club?

Would you like your Club featured in the next St. Croix County 4-H Communicator? It's simple! Write up a short article telling us just how fun your club's event / meeting was and make sure to include a picture with the names of the members featured. Let us and other clubs know the good work you are doing in the community! Once you have completed your story send it to Laura at laura.hinz@wisc.edu



LEADER NEWS

VIP Trainings - Required for New 4-H Volunteers

If you have adults who are interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers they are required to take the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP). Completion of a VIP Training is one of the requirements to becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. All VIP Trainings will be held both in person and virtually (Zoom). These trainings take 1—1 1/2 hours to complete. For more information contact Sky sky.holt@wisc.edu

January 22 @ 4:00 pm (RSVP by Jan 13) - Balsam Lake
February 4 @ 10:00 am (RSVP by Jan 27) - Baldwin
March 13 @ 6:30 pm (RSVP by March 6) - Balsam Lake

TO REGISTER FOR A TRAINING GO TO:
<https://forms.gle/REsfiNRwhZdKyaqH7>

Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

- 1.) Enroll in 4-HOnline
- 2.) Complete a National Background Check
- 3.) Attend VIP Training
- 4.) Complete online Mandated Reporter Training
- 5.) Complete online Title IX Training
- 6.) Complete Safe Spaces Training (effective Dec. 1)

Applications for Educational Experiences Adult Advisors

Hello 4-H Volunteers!

We have an exciting opportunity available to you for 2023. Applications to be an adult advisor on a 4-H Educational Experience are now available! These experiences include (but aren't limited to): Space Camp, Citizenship Washington Focus, Summer Academy, National 4-H Congress, Arts programs, and State Animal Science programs. Applications must be filled out and submitted by **January 30th, 2023**. We may extend this deadline for certain programs that occur later in the year if needed.

You can find all the information you need along with the application on the state 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/adult-advisors/>. We ask that you please read through the entire list of requirements before you apply, as requirements have changed from previous years. Please note, submitting an application does not guarantee that you will be invited to be an adult advisor on one of these educational experiences.

If you have any questions, please reach out to justin.lieck@wisc.edu or lpine@wisc.edu.



4-H Event Insurance

As you plan out your club calendar take note of those activities that may require additional insurance. This insurance will cover all participants (youth/adult, 4-H and non 4-H). The cost is \$0.30/person/day. Contact Sky for insurance coverage.



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

January 17 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM

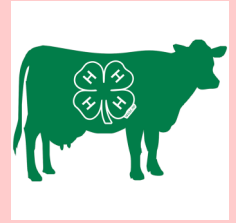
Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting



4-H COMMITTEES

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Applications Due: January 31st

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee is sponsoring a Registered Dairy Calf Award to one outstanding 4-H member. Interested members are asked to write a short essay (100 words or less) on “What would owning your own registered dairy calf mean to your 4-H experience?” Applicants are also asked to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.



Applications can be found online at <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/heritage-calf-2023/> and are due January 31, 2023. All applications should be emailed to Mary Luckwaldt at luckwaldt123@yahoo.com.

The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. Previous winners are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final. Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible!

James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award

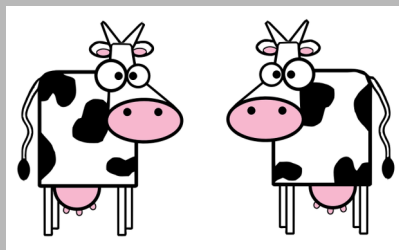
The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. As of 1989, the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund assumed sponsorship of this award.

Applications due January 31st. Applications can be found on the Extension Website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/2023-crowley-application-essay-questions/>

Please forward completed application to Mary Luckwaldt at luckwaldt123@yahoo.com

Dairy Committee Meeting

The next Dairy Committee Meeting will be Monday February 6, 2023 at 7 pm @ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin (conference room)



4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL

MARCH 25TH
UW MADISON CAMPUS

MORE INFORMATION IN THE POST AND AT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/44JF7PWH](https://tinyurl.com/44JF7PWH)



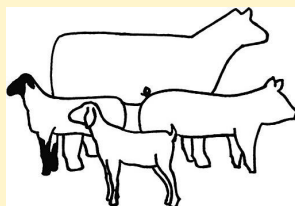
2023 Program Offerings from the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program

For all interested youth and adults in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat areas.

Programming includes 3 virtual animal sciences sessions. First one is January 9th. We will be offering tours of the new Meat Science Building on 3 designated dates only. We will host a carcass judges training for those that want to judge carcass shows. 4-H Meats Judging and 4-H State Quiz Bowl and Skillathon are scheduled as well. Please click on the links for more information on program offerings and how to sign up. Contact Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu with any questions.

These make great educational programming opportunities for all youth and those that exhibit at fairs.

- **January 9th** - Virtual Animal Sciences Programming – How to get involved in Judging & Knowledge Teams, 7 p.m.
Speakers: Bernie O'Rourke and panelists: Scott Howard, Stephanie Witberler and Liz Gartman
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>
- **January 28th** – Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>
- **Feb 4th** – 4-H Meats Judging Contest (partnership with WI 4-H youth development)
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>
- **Feb 5th** – Carcass Judges Training, 1 p.m.
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/carcass-judges-training/>
- **Feb 6th** – Virtual Animal Sciences Programming – Beef Evaluation and Cookery, 7 p.m.
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>
- **Feb 25** - Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>
- **March 6** – Virtual Animal Sciences Programming – Reproduction Technologies in Animal Sciences, 7 p.m.
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>
- **March 25** – 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon (partnership with WI 4-H youth development)
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>
- **April 29** - Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>



Dana Emerson from the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center will be presenting Canine Behavior, Bite Prevention and Reactivity for the St. Croix County Dog Project.

All 4-H members are invited to attend. One time required attendance for St. Croix Dog Project members interested in participating in agility and rally for the first time.

Canine Behavior, Bite Prevention **AND** Reactivity

Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Croix County Ag Service and Education Center
1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI 54002

Please RSVP to Abby Stark by email:

astark5751@gmail.com





Dog Project - 2023 - Year at a Glance

Questions?? Please reach out to Deb @ deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com or message our Facebook group @St.Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members

Winter Education Season: Jan-March	Youth education sessions for everyone; rally and agility training for those who have qualified.
January 22, 2-4 pm	Dog Bite Prevention class. Held at the St. Croix County Education Center 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. All are invited. One time required attendance for St. Croix County Dog Project members interested in participating in dog agility or rally for the first time.
January 29, 3-4 pm	Dog Agility and Rally foundation. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley WI. 54767 (<i>First time agility/rally members need to have attended the Dog Bite Prevention class listed above</i>) This class will run for a consecutive 8 weeks on Sundays @ 3pm, dates are subject to change.
Feb./March	More education sessions! Dates and Times TBD.
March 7	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project committee meeting. This is a business meeting for the project leaders. Any parents or youth who want to participate in the planning discussions are welcome.
Spring training season: April-July	Youth/dog training for all disciplines, in preparation for the St. Croix County Dog Show.
April 2 & April 13 Times TBD	Mandatory Dog Project Kick Off Meeting. Held at the St. Croix County Education Center 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. Dog Project members Two dates offered - MUST ATTEND ONE.
April 27 Time TBD	Dog obedience orientation. Held at the St. Croix Central HS baseball fields. No Dogs!!!! Dog project members new and old will learn the basics of an obedience training session, meet the trainers, and have a great time getting to know each other.
May/June	Dog obedience and showmanship weekly training. Agility and Rally practices resume. Times and place TBD
June 6	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Committee meeting.
July	Dog Project Fun Show and St. Croix County Fair Dog Show Dates and Times TBD.
Summer training season: July-Oct.	Training continues for those wanting/qualifying to show at the state dog show. Annual project year wrap-up.
Aug./Sept.	Optional agility, rally, obedience, showmanship practices resume to prepare for State 4-H dog show. Times and places TBD.
Sept. 12	Proposed Dog Project Banquet.
Sept./Oct.	Dog project promotional events at White Pine Berry Farm and Camp St. Croix. Dates and Times TBD.
Date TBD	State 4-H Dog Show
Winter Break: Nov.-Dec.	Break from training. Practice 1-2 times only in preparation for the holiday parade.
December	New Richmond Holiday Lights Parade. Date and time TBD.

Horse Project News

Upcoming 2022-2023 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

Youth Meeting 7:00 / all project meeting 7:30

- Monday Jan 2nd
- Monday Feb 6th
- Monday March 6th
- Monday April 3rd
- Monday May 1st
- Monday June 5th
- Monday July 3rd
- Monday Aug 7th



If you have any questions on the St. Croix County Youth Horse Project, please email

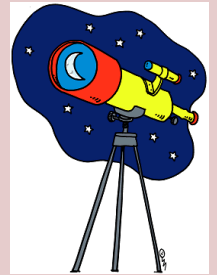
stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com

Special Events - Ag Center unless otherwise noted

- January 22nd 6:30 Quiz Bowl / Hippology info and kick-off meeting
- February 6th Drill team commitment meeting 6:00 pm
- June 3rd - 8:00 AM - Day of Clinics - St. Croix County Fair Grounds
- June 23 - 25th - Weekend Extravaganza - St. Croix County Fair Grounds
- Monday Oct 2, 6:00 - Annual year end banquet and annual meeting - New Richmond American Legion

Robotics News:

Join us for Robotics programming to learn how to program a Lego EV3 robot. Open to new and advanced programmers. The **2nd and 4th Mondays starting in January from 6:30-7:30 pm** at the Extension Office. Please email bj.sippl@gmail.com or text 715-338-1159 to RSVP.



Full Moon:

Ever wanted to see what a full moon looks like up close?

Come use the 4-H telescope on **Sunday, February 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm and Tuesday, March 7 from 7-8 pm** at the Extension Office. Please email bj.sippl@gmail.com or text 715-338-1159 to RSVP.

Foods Project Members

4-H Food Expo - Saturday, January 28
9 am - 12 pm

Want to learn how to prepare nutritious foods and improve your skills in the kitchen? Join us for the 4-H Food Expo. This event is open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H) interested in learning more about foods & nutrition. Youth will attend 3 different sessions. This years classes include:
Lefse, Knife Skills, and Fun with Flour

See next page for registration.



Foods Project Save the Date:

Saturday, April 29th
9 am - 12 pm
Cake Decorating





4-H FOOD EXPO



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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Lefse, Knife Skills, and Fun with Flour



GRADE: Open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H)

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2023

WHERE: UW-Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave, Baldwin

TIME: 9:00am—12:00pm (Check in starts at 8:45 am)

COST: \$15.00 / youth

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring an apron.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 19, 2023

NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

CLUB: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EMAIL: _____

If your child needs accommodations or has any food allergies please list them here:

Make checks payable to: St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association

Mail to: St. Croix County UW-Extension
1960 8th Ave., Suite 140
Baldwin, WI 54002

Registration Deadline:

January 19, 2023



4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the upcoming State 4-H Meats Judging Contest on Saturday, February 4, 2023! If you have participated in the past or this is the first time you are hearing about the contest, we would love to have you join us for this day of learning, fun, and competition.

What is the 4-H Meats Judging Contest? Have you been to your local meat market or grocery store lately and think you could choose the best cut of meat out of the case? Have you ever watched a live

animal contest and thought you could choose what animals would provide the best meat products? This is your opportunity to put those skills to work. This contest tests the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Top teams earn the opportunity to compete at regional and national competitions.

Who can participate? You must be a currently enrolled WI 4-H member to participate in this contest. The age divisions are: Junior – Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2023; Senior – Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2023. WI 4-H members that are in the 13th grade and have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2023 are eligible to compete at this state contest as individuals but not as a member of a team. Youth must be in or completed 3rd grade, 8-year-old Cloverbuds cannot participate.

Even if your county has not participated in the past, round-up some 4-H friends and take advantage of this fun opportunity to show your knowledge of the animal species and industry.

Looking for more information, where to register, or resources to study from? Check out the links below:

4-H Meats Judging – Saturday, February 4, 2023

Location: *New* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

Deadlines: (more information located in the registration materials link below):

-Estimated number of participants (needed to order PPE): January 20, 2023 - through Google form

-Final registration: January 20, 2023 - through 4-H online

More information and registration available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu / phone at 920-391-4659 or Bernie at borourke2@wisc.edu / phone at 608-263-4304.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation "Celebrates the Arts" is an opportunity for ALL 4-H members to share their art in the annual contest and possibly have their art selected to be sold in the 4-H Foundation Art Auction. The WI 4-H Foundation Celebrate Arts Contest is held annually for the purpose of:

- Promoting 4-H Arts Programming
- Raising Funds to Support 4-H Art Programs
- Telling the 4-H Story
- Raising Awareness of the WI 4-H Foundation and the 4-H Program

4-H members interested in participating will submit a picture of their artwork in this form. (Please see guidelines for taking photos and submitting photos.) Although the contest is virtual, the winning art, selected to be in the Arts Auction, from each category and the Best of Show must be delivered to the nearest Extension Office by February 1. These items will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and will not be returned. **Entries will be accepted from Tuesday, November 1, 2022, until midnight on Sunday, January 15, 2023.** Entry form available here: <https://forms.gle/KPvDR4KPo2w8e8iF6>

Each category winner will be awarded a \$100 cash award and the Best of Show winner will be awarded an additional \$150.

More information can be found on our website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/arts-communication/celebrate-the-arts/>



Open enrollment youth camp and family camp are returning to Upham Woods in 2023!

More information can be found on our website and registration will open in late January! <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/2022/12/12/summer-camp/>

Sign up to spend time at Upham Woods canoeing, exploring Blackhawk Island, and making new friends. We have a few options from youth camp to family camp, so that everyone can have fun this summer. Registration opens by end of January!

To be kept up to date on all information regarding open enrollment camp including when registration opens, please let us know through this form: <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1978805/1951094/>

- ◆ Youth Camp
- ◆ Family Camp
- ◆ Volunteer at Camp!

If you have questions or have accommodation requests, please reach out to Rachael Lewandowski-Sarette at lewandowskis@wisc.edu.



Updates from National 4-H Council

Here are some of the upcoming opportunities sponsored by National 4-H Council. Note that there is funding for the Ignite event for an agriculture and pollinator team (see email from Jill Jorgensen) and also for youth to attend the health summit if they are working on a Well-Connected Communities or other Youth Advocates for Community Health team.

Ignite by 4-H Registration is OPEN!

Ignite by 4-H is an inclusive teen event to be held in Washington, D.C., March 9-12. Explore the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living and Emotional Well-Being. Discover exciting career paths and create an actionable plan to help create real change in your community.

The \$950 registration fee includes:

- High impact programming and speakers featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country.
- Room and board (based on double occupancy for both youth and adults)
- All meals and breaks (excluding state-organized meals and events)
- D.C. area site visits and all program materials
- 4-H professionals and volunteers attending Ignite will be able to take advantage of workshops aligned with the 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development designed to increase their ability to nurture developmental relationships with teens.

Register today at: <https://events.4-h.org/ignite>

Become a PYD Champion – Submit Your Application by December 31!

The Regional 4-H PYD Champion Network is made up of two 4-H professionals from Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) across the five Extension Regions. Champions are chosen through a competitive application process for a two- or three-year term.

Champions will work together in their Extension regions under the leadership of a national facilitator to advance the consistent use of the 4-H Thriving Model as the theory of positive youth development for 4-H.

Visit the Helping Youth Thrive Web site (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/mid-year-pyd-champion-application-information/>) to learn more about the position requirements, application process and to see if your LGU qualifies before applying.

Questions about the Regional 4-H PYD Champion Network application process can be directed to Maria Walker, Network Facilitator, at walker@unl.edu.

4-H STEM Challenge

The 2022 4-H STEM Challenge, Explorers of the Deep, user survey data collection is under way. A few data highlights from 4-H educators and other youth serving organization professionals who filled out the survey include:

- 31 states and Puerto Rico have participated in the 2022 STEM Challenge
- 81% used kit activities to work with underrepresented audiences
- 80% expressed that the *Explorers* activities helped to build their confidence as a leader/teacher of STEM activities
- 88% are more likely to facilitate another STEM activity in the future

The 2023 STEM Challenge Committee is currently in the process of 2023 Challenge kit development under the theme of environmental science/green innovation/climate change. Specific challenge development updates to be announced in early 2023.

Get 20% off each Explorers of the Deep kit thanks to the support of our 2022 signature partner, Nickelodeon! The discount will be applied automatically at checkout while supplies last.

Questions, contact Michael Compton, STEM Integrated Marketing Manager, mcompton@fourhcouncil.edu



State Arts Teams

Calling all creative 4-Hers!

Wisconsin 4-H's state teams, now available for grades 8-13, apply here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>

4-H Drama Company

- Create and perform original stage production
- Roles for actors, director assistants, and stage technicians
- Build lifelong connections with youth from across the state!
- Must be mature and responsible, with strong theater art skills preferred

Drama Company Youth Position Description: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/drama-company-youth-position-description/>

4-H Art Team

- Create themed artwork, curate exhibition
- Experience in any medium is welcome!
- College-level education led by professional artist
- Must be mature and responsible, and must have strong visual arts skills

Art Team Youth Position Description: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/arts-team-youth-position-description/>

REQUIRED AVAILABILITY FOR EACH TEAM:

- State Teams Planning Weekend in April 2023 (Upham Woods)
- Summer Academy Event in June 2023

The application deadline for each state team is January 15th, 2023. Applications are available in the events tab in 4HOnline. Financial assistance is available for registration – Cost should not be a barrier to applying – please reach out to your local county 4-H educator and/or WI 4-H Associate Director, Jessica Jens (jessica.jens@wisc.edu), to ask about financial support through scholarship funds.

These programs have always been incredibly enriching and rewarding, leaving a lifetime impact on past members. State Teams provide 4-Hers with the opportunity to connect with other creatives outside their home county, and help build their applications and resumes for life beyond 4-H.

Don't wait, apply now!

OTHER NEWS

WESTconsin's Scholarship Program



\$1,000 Scholarships

WESTconsin Credit Union is proud to offer \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarship application becomes available on October 1 each year; application deadline is March 1. Winners will be announced in May.

Attention High School Juniors!

IMPORTANT: To qualify for the scholarship, you must have been a member (primary account holder) of WESTconsin Credit Union as of August 31 prior to your senior year of high school. If you are not a member, please contact your local WESTconsin office to see how we can serve you.

WESTconsin has offered the Student Scholarship Program since 1995. To date, over \$296,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded to local students from throughout west central Wisconsin to assist them in continuing their education.

Find the Scholarship Application Here: <https://www.westconsincu.org/learning-center/smart/scholarship-program/>



Hastings Area Earth Day Birding Festival



Carpenter Nature Center Minnesota Campus
12805 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings

Saturday, April 22, 2023

**\$5.00 per person OR
\$15.00 with box lunch**

Advanced registration required for box lunch

ADVANCED REGISTRATION PREFERRED

But walk-in registrations on festival day are welcome

Register by visiting
tinyurl.com/birdfest2022
or call CNC at (651)437-4359

KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM LEE PFANNMULLER

BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATIONS

GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

Field trip registration is first come, first served

LIVE RAPTOR PRESENTATION

Featuring the popular **FREE
YOUTH BIRDING COMPETITION**

**PRIZES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOMED**

Age Divisions

10 years & under, 11-15 years, or 16-18 years

Competition Categories

CNC Count Circle OR Backyard Birder

Count Period

12:00am—4:00pm

Pre-registration is required. Register by visiting

tinyurl.com/birdingcomp2022

or email jennifer@carpenternaturecenter.org

THANK YOU
TO OUR EVENT
PARTNERS!



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