



COMMUNICATOR

2021-2022 4-H Re-enrollments

A huge thanks to those who have already re-enrolled in 4-H for the upcoming year. For those who haven't there is still time. All new members must be enrolled in the St. Croix County 4-H Program by March 15 in order to be eligible to show at the St. Croix County Fair under the 4-H name. So do your best to keep recruiting new members or encouraging seasoned members to re-enroll. In addition, current members have until March 31 to add or delete any projects.

Get the Most out of Your 4-H Newsletter

Each newsletter is filled with opportunities to expand your involvement and knowledge in leadership, community service, and your project areas - so much that it can be overwhelming.

We recommend that:

- When you receive your 4-H newsletter print it off. Take some time to review it. Use a highlighter for any items that interest you or that you may have questions about.
- Mark those dates in your family calendar.
- RSVP and fill out forms for events soon after receiving the newsletter. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget.
- For Leaders: At your club meetings, please announce events that you think will interest your club members.
- If you misplace your newsletter you can find it posted on the UW - Extension St. Croix County website. Under the 4-H tab look for "St. Croix County 4-H Newsletters".
- If you are not receiving a newsletter please contact Laura at the UW-Extension Office.

Use of the Ag Center for Meetings

Here are a few reminders for those groups using the spaces at the Baldwin Ag Center:

- Please return all tables & chairs to their original layout.
- Wipe down tables with the stray found under the sink.
- Pick up any garbage & place in cans.
- If the white boards were used, please erase.
- Turn off lights.
- Make sure the front door is locked when you leave.
- It is a privilege to use this place please leave it clean.

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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."*

Join us on Facebook

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

Dear 4-H Families,

Discuss 4-H Communication Methods & Tools

Communication in our 4-H program is essential and there are multiple methods and tools to receive the information you need about 4-H and youth development programming in St. Croix County.

- **4-H Club Meetings** - Attend your 4-H Club meetings for the opportunity to participate in club decision making that will keep you more informed about what is going on in your club and county 4-H programs. If you are unable to attend a club meeting, accept the responsibility to seek out another member or leader who can help fill you in on what happened or read the club meeting minutes taken by the secretary.
- **4-H Club Leaders** - Your 4-H Club Leader would be happy to help keep you informed on what you need to know about 4-H programming in your club and county, but please remember that your 4-H Club Leader is a volunteer - respect their time and do not expect that they must inform you on everything. Communication works best when it occurs in both directions!
- **Fellow 4-H Members** - Your fellow 4-H members are a great source of 4-H information. Talking with each other at 4-H meetings is a great way to develop friendships, create welcoming club environments, and stay informed!
- **UW-Extension Office Staff** - We're happy to help you! Call us, email us, or stop in the office. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner.
- **4-H Newsletter** - The newsletter is the most traditional method of getting information on upcoming 4-H events - look for it in your email or on our website, print off the calendar of events and post it on your fridge!
- **UW-Extension St. Croix Website** - Our website most often has the information you are looking for. Right at your fingertips you can find dates of upcoming events, record book forms, Leaders Association agendas and minutes, registration forms, newsletters and more.
- **Chris Clover St. Croix County Facebook Page** - Once you are a St. Croix County 4-H member join the Chris Clover Facebook page. In addition to countywide 4-H event club and committees post updates and events on this page too.

There is a lot to learn and navigate in 4-H. We hope that by offering you multiple ways of communication we are making the process easier.

Sincerely,

Heather Vierling

Heather Vierling
St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent



CALENDAR

February

- 1 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 6 Dog Project - Canine Nutrition & Treats
- 6 Horse Quiz Bowl Practice
- 7 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 10 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 19 Ambassador Meeting
- 22 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Feb 11)
- 22 YQCA Training
- 26 Clover College
- 27 Dog Project - Tugs & Crafts



March

- 1 Family Challenge Deadline
- 5 YQCA Training
- 7 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 10 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Mar 1)
- 10 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 15 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Mar 5)
- 15 Leaders Association Meeting
- 19 Ambassador Meeting
- 26 Clover University
- 31 Last Day to Change Projects'



April

- 1 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Registration Opens
- 4 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Mar 25)
- 4 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 9 Horse Project Mandatory Kick Off Meeting
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 16 Ambassador Meeting
- 21 Horse Project Mandatory Kick Off Meeting
- 29 4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 30 Cupcake Decorating Workshop



THE 4-H FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's time to get the whole family involved! We are excited to offer four 4-H Family Challenge Activities during the next few months. Each time your family completes one of the challenges your name will go into the hat for a drawing at the end of March. We will draw two families to receive a family night fun gift pack (worth over \$50 each). Good luck. Once registered you will receive more information about each challenge.

To register for the 4-H Family Challenge go to: <https://forms.gle/KNKHecXwxd8W4ZyW6>

SERVICE PROJECT

Here is an opportunity for your family to give back to your local community. Find a service project that means something important to your family. Examples could include: food drives, clothing drives, writing cards to nursing home residents, ringing bells, shoveling a neighbors driveway, etc. Service activities can be found everywhere. Jump in and do some good deeds for the year.



FAIRY GARDEN

Legend says that fairies possess the power to bring health, happiness and spiritual blessings to those who build them a garden to live in. Enjoy creating a magical world with your family where fairies can live and thrive.



OUTDOOR WINTER FEAST

With temperatures in the single digits and the sun out for only a few hours a day how do our animal friends survive the cold Wisconsin winters? Here is an opportunity for your family to help out our smallest friends by giving them a winter feast. This is a great project for families to get creative and see what kind of feast they can create.



FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT

Here is an opportunity to take some great, memorable family photos. Families will be challenged by taking a number of different, themed photos. This challenge will encourage families to put their personalities into some awesome photos.



CLUB INFORMATION

2022 4-H Clover College (REGISTRATION ON PAGE 6-7)

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2022
Location: Glenwood City High School, Glenwood City, WI
Time: 9:00am—2:30pm
Cost: \$15.00 / youth
Registration Deadline: February 11, 2022



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. Please see registration form for more information on the workshops being offered. Youth are required to bring a brown bag lunch. **All registrations are due to the St. Croix County UW-Extension Office by February 11.** Workshops are on a first come first served basis.

Save the Dates - Camps! YAY!

June 7-9, 2022 - 4-H Overnight Camp (Grades 3-6)
June 7-9, 2022 - 4-H Outpost Camp (Grades 7-8)
June 22 - Cloverbud Day Camp (Grades K-2)
August 9 - Cloverbud Day Camp (Grades K-2)



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

NEW - Clover University - Save the Date



Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022
Location: UW-Extension Office (Baldwin)
Time: 9:00am—2:30pm
Cost: \$15.00 / youth (lunch is included)



This is a new St. Croix County 4-H opportunity for youth (4-H and non) grades 6-9. Similar to Clover College, Clover University takes the next step for older youth with more in depth project discovery. Youth will choose two comprehensive workshops where they will learn project skills, life skills, and learn about possible career. Look for the registration form this month for more information on the workshops being offered. Lunch will be offered!



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Clover College

Saturday, February 26, 2022
Glenwood City High School (850 Maple St., Glenwood City)

Session Descriptions

Woodworking

Jerry & Melanie Donoth

Use your carpentry skills to build a beautiful woodworking project to take to the county fair.
Class Limit: 12

Fun with Chemistry

Rob Brown

See how to make tooth paste for an elephant and gummy bears dance amongst other fun experiments through chemistry.
Class Limit: 12

Get Electrified!

Ben Meyer

Want to learn more about electricity? Here is your chance to learn about electrical currents, batteries, circuits and more!
Class Limit: 10

Scratch Off Art

Marci Meyer

Do you like to draw? Do you like to paint? Well, how about scratch art? Join us for a fun new way to create awesome pieces of art work.
Class Limit: 10

Paper Quilling

Marci Meyer

Paper quilling is the art of cutting paper into long strips, rolling them up and shaping them into designs. Learn how to make your designs POP.
Class Limit: 10

Fairy Gardens

Elizabeth Hesselink

Youth will plant succulents into various containers creating one of a kind fairy gardens.
Class Limit: 12

Spring Time in the Woods

Mike Lindley

Are you interested in turkey hunting, shed deer antler hunting, and moral mushroom picking? Join us for a fun filled adventure in the woods.
Class Limit: 12

Nature Painting

Becky Olson

Learn the art of painting. Create your own nature masterpiece with acrylic paints on canvas.
Class Limit: 12

Leathercraft

Heidi Wagner

Experience the art of leathercraft. Learn new skills and create one of a kind pieces.
Class Limit: 10

Sugars & Fats

Heather Vierling

How much is too much? Learn about the science behind sugars and fats in our everyday foods.
Class Limit: 15

Mini Fold Up Photo Albums

Mari Omann

Make a mini photo album from folded squares of cardstock. Youth are encouraged to bring a few small photos to add during the workshop.
Class Limit: 12

Candle Holders

Carole Schurtz

Make a beautiful candle holder with decoupage, tissue paper and a clear container.
Class Limit: 12

Snow Candles

Carole Schurtz

Making candles in the snow. These will be a one of kind creation.
Grades 3-5, Class Limit: 10

Sewing 101

Debbie Stevens

Join us for a simple sewing project. All supplies will be provided.
Grades 3-5, Class Limit: 8

MARS Landing

Bridget Lentz

Learn about the surface of mars and it's environment. Use you engineering skills to land a rover on top of Mars.
Class Limit: 10

On a Scale of One to T-REX

AJ Lentz

Love to perform in plays, skits, or dramas? Learn to become an actor with warmups, movement and play.
Class Limit: 8

Arm Knitting

Catherine Schurtz

Try out a new method of knitting...arm knitting. This is a fun way to learn to knit using your hands and nothing else.
Class Limit: 10

Lefsa

John Johnson

Learn how to make a soft Norwegian bread from potatoes and flour.
Class limit: 10

Hula Hoop Rugs

Jennie & Kaylee Bazille

Join the fun! Learn to make a small rug using a hula hoop and old t-shirts.
Class limit: 10

Blast Off

Heather Vierling

Learn about basic rocketry. Design and build rockets to blast off.
Class Limit: 15



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



Clover College

Saturday, February 26, 2022
Glenwood City High School
Open to all youth grades K-5th
Registration at 8:30am / Will start at 9:00am
Registration Fee: \$15.00 / youth

2022 Clover College Participant Registration

Name (s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade (s) _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ Race _____

Emergency contact name _____ Emergency contact telephone _____

I am currently a 4-H member: ☐ Yes ☐ No Club Name _____

Health Concerns: (allergies, etc.) _____

I require an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$15.00 / youth) Ck# _____ Cash _____

ALL YOUTH WILL NEED TO BRING A SACK LUNCH TO THE EVENT.

Registration Deadline: **Feb. 11, 2022** No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

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

Return to: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002

Please rank your **TOP TEN** choices (1 highest to 10 lowest). First-come / first-serve for session choices. All youth will attend 3-5 sessions. Limited participants in each session.

____ Fun with Chemistry

____ Woodworking

____ Scratch Off Art

____ Fairy Gardens

____ Mini Fold Up Photo Albums

____ Candle Holders

____ MARS Landing

____ On A Scale of One to T-REX

____ Hula Hoop Rugs

____ Blast Off

____ Get Electrified!

____ Springtime in the Woods

____ Paper Quilling

____ Nature Painting

____ Leathercraft

____ Snow Candles

____ Arm Knitting

____ Lefsa

____ Sewing 101

____ Sugars & Fats

Yes ☐ No ☐ I am available to help with sessions at Clover College on February 26, 2022:

Name: _____

St. Croix County 4-H Social Media Campaign

We need your help!

St. Croix County 4-H wants to hear your "**Why 4-H?**" story. Over the next month we will be collecting stories from youth, adult leaders and parents about "Why 4-H is important to you and to our communities." These stories can be collected through the written word, videos, or pictures.

Here is what we are looking for:

- Stories from youth
- Stories from adult leaders
- Stories from parents
- Stories about your child
- How 4-H has shaped you into the person you are
- How has 4-H impacted your family

Why 4-H?
WHY DO WE LOVE 4-H?
Why is 4-H important?
Why should you join 4-H?

Please submit all entries here <http://forms.gle/CK7UKpXwG7Sn3bze8>. During the month of February we will be doing a random drawing each week from the entries for some awesome 4-H prizes.

2022 4-H Parades

Club members - the St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors need your help promoting 4-H at our local parades. If you have club members who would like to ride on the 4-H Ambassador float or walk with the group please contact Heather. The more the merrier...we would like to have a large 4-H presence. Below is a list of parades the Ambassadors will be participating in during the 2022 4-H year.

- Hudson Hot Air Affair Torchlight Parade (Feb. 4 @ 7:00pm in Hudson)
- Syttende Mai Parade (May 14 @ 12:00pm in Woodville)
- Good Neighbor Day Parade (June 5 @ 11:00am in Roberts)
- Pea Soup Days Parade (June 11 @ 11:00am in Somerset)
- Fun Fest Parade (July 10 @ 12:30pm in New Richmond)
- Pepper Fest Parade (August 20 @ 11:00am in North Hudson)
- Ox Cart Days Parade (August 21 @ 2:00pm in Star Prairie)
- Rustic Lore Parade (September 11 @ 1:00pm in Glenwood City)



4-H Day @ Trollhaugen

Sunday, March 13th 2022

Visit the website for more information: <https://trollhaugen.com/scout-and-4-h-days/>

Clubs and Youth must pre-register by
MARCH 4th, 2022 (Space is Limited)



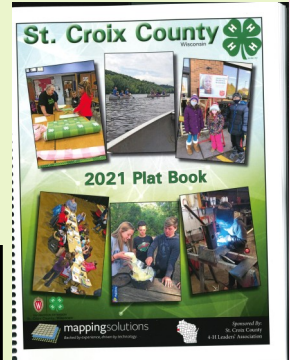
St. Croix County 4-H **2021 Plat Book and Plat Maps**

On Sale NOW at the following locations:

- ♦ UW-Madison Extension Office, Baldwin, WI (payment with cash or check only)
- ♦ Gregerson Ace Hardware, Baldwin, WI
- ♦ Doyle's Farm & Home, New Richmond, WI

**Thank you for supporting
St. Croix County 4-H!**

**Book Cost \$40
Map Cost \$45**



2022 4-H Scholarships

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association scholarships are awarded to 4-Her's based on demonstrated personal growth, development and

leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals.



The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan amount is \$250.00 for study in the area of nursing. The Forgivable Loan is awarded to 4-Her's based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals. This loan is renewable with an annual application. A 4-H member may apply for both the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and a St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship.

All applications must be emailed (see specific details in the application) to heather.vierling@wisc.edu no later than Friday, April 1, 2022 at 5:00pm. Late applications cannot be considered. The application requirements represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for employment.

For help with creating cover letters and resumes, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, teachers or parents. For more information please visit the website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

Get your FREE 4-H Curriculum

The St. Croix County Extension office is cleaning and we would love your help. We have an extensive collection of 4-H Curriculum available to you for free. Examples include:

- Horse
- Beef
- Dairy & Meat Goat
- Swine
- Sheep
- Poultry
- Waterfowl
- Rabbit
- Dog
- Vet Science
- Shooting Sports
- Hunting
- Adventures
- Bikes
- Aerospace
- Scale Models
- Self Determine
- Woodworking
- Small Engines
- Tractors
- Electricity
- Lawn Care
- Landscape
- Child Development
- Clothing/Crochet/Knit
- Home Economics
- Exploring 4-H
- Citizenship
- Youth Leadership
- Photography
- Videography
- Communication
- Theater
- Demonstrating
- Leathercraft
- Block Print
- Metal Enamel
- Food & Nutrition
- Wildflowers
- Trees/Forest Fun
- Insects
- Spring Bulbs
- House Plants
- Vegetable Gardens
- Pest

Contact Laura for
info: 715-531-1937 or
laura.hinz@wisc.edu

LEADER NEWS

VIP Training—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 this fall. These trainings take 1—1 1/2 hours to complete. Below you will find a list of dates and RSVP deadlines. These RSVP deadlines are firm in order to mail you the training packet ahead of time. For more information contact Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu

February 22 @ 9:30am	(RSVP By: February 11)
February 22 @ 5:30pm	(RSVP By: February 11)
March 10 @ 5:00pm	(RSVP By: March 1)
March 15 @ 12:00pm	(RSVP By: Mar 4)
March 15 @ 5:00pm	(RSVP By: Mar 4)
April 4 @ 6:00pm	(RSVP By: March 25)

TO REGISTER FOR A TRAINING GO TO
<https://forms.gle/nJbsSJM6fHbbb7ht6>

Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

- 1.) Enroll in 4-HOnline
- 2.) Complete a National Background Check
- 3.) Attend VIP Training
- 4.) Completed online Mandated Reporter Training



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

March 15 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM

**Agenda will be sent out
prior to the meeting.**



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 Heather for insurance coverage.



Updated Wisconsin 4-H Policies

Wisconsin 4-H operates within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the University of Madison Division of Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. These policies are established to ensure the educational and administrative integrity of all Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities administered by 4-H staff and 4-H volunteers. Wisconsin 4-H Leadership is committed to supporting staff and volunteers by writing clear and simple policies that will standardize Wisconsin 4-H safety and risk management practices. Each year they will be updated old policies and creating new ones. For current changes in 2022 policies click on the link below.



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<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/09/Wisconsin-4-H-Policy-Update-for-2021-22.pdf>

Shooting Sports Adult Leader Certification Workshops

Adults interested in a shooting sports certification to instruct in the county 4-H Shooting Sports program can now save a date. Saturday certification workshops for 2022 are set for the following areas:

- West Bend, February 5, Archery, Pistol/Air Pistol & Rifle/Air Rifle
- Green Bay, April 30, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, & Shotgun
- Eau Claire, May 21, Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle & Shotgun

Requirements for attending a certification workshop:

1. Age 21 or older.
2. Be an approved 4-H leader in your county through 4-H Online.
3. Complete the National 4-H online training.
4. Register for your certification workshop of choice through 4-H Online.
5. Attend the complete 8 hours of the certification workshop.

Those reading the registration information on the 4-H Shooting Sports web page for Saturday certification workshops will notice there are different instructions depending on a leader's status. Leaders attending their first certification workshop have different instructions than those returning for an additional certification.

For additional information and to register, please visit the State 4-H Shooting Sports web

at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

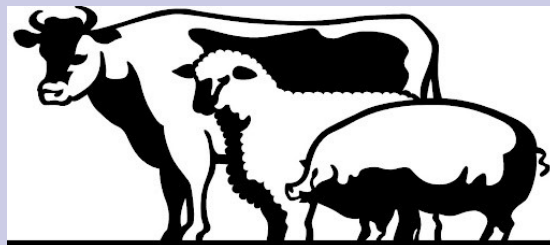


Livestock Committee Updates

Livestock Committee Meeting: February 8th 6:00 PM

The St. Croix Livestock Committee will be holding several rules meetings. These rules meetings are required for all exhibitors and one parent. They will be held at the Extension office at 6:00. Please make sure to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Lori DeBoer. lordeb651@gmail.com



Dairy Committee News



Dairy Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 1 @ 1 pm
Extension Office, Ag Building, Baldwin

Interviews for Heritage Calf should be during the month of February or early March.

YQCA Training

YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-21 with the focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. YQCA certification is required for all St. Croix County livestock youth (sheep, swine, beef, and meat goats) who plan to participate in the fair.

For 2022 YQCA Training will be offered both in person and online. You must register for both options and pay the fee. To register go to <http://yqca.org/> and create an account or log into your existing account. Once you are entered into the sight you can search for upcoming trainings. Below is a list of trainings that are being offered in our area.

Feb 21 @ 5:30pm, Ellsworth High School
Feb 22 @ 7pm, St. Croix UWEX Office
Mar 5 @ 9am, St. Croix UWEX Office



Horse Project News

St. Croix County Youth Horse Project MANDATORY Kick-off meetings

Both meetings are being held at the Ag Center in Baldwin. These are MANDATORY every horse project member that would like to participate in the project is required to attend one of these 2 meetings. Put them on your Calendar now and make these a priority. – Thank you!

- **Saturday April 9th – 8:30 am Arrival – 9:00 am Start.**
- **Thursday April 21st – 6:30 pm Arrival – 7:00 pm Start**



Quiz Bowl Practice

- **Sunday February 6th 6:30 – 7:30 Ag Center in Baldwin**

If this date doesn't work for you and you member is interested in participating, please E-mail stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com

All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

Upcoming 2021 – 2022 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

- Monday February 7th
- Monday March 7th
- Monday April 4th
- Monday May 2nd
- Monday June 6th
- Monday July 11th (moved due to 4th)
- Monday Aug 1st (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 3rd – 2022 Year-end banquet

WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Training

WI State 4-H Horse Virtual Training: Horse Project Policies, Concussion Protocol, and Planning a Horse Show

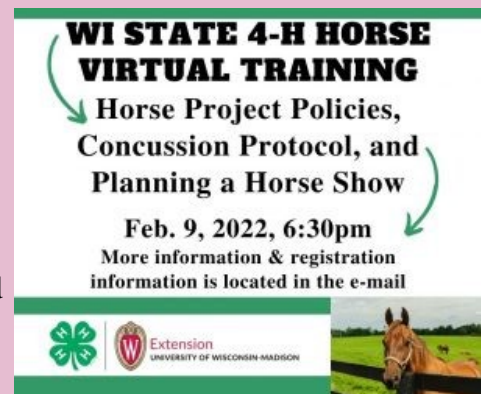
Are you a 4-H Horse Project volunteer, guardian, or older member that would like to find out more about the statewide 4-H horse project policies and concussion protocol? Have you always wanted to know more about planning a horse show? Join us on February 9th and we will take a closer look at each of these topics. The first hour will cover the policies and protocols and the second half will be on planning a horse show. The registration link is listed below.

Feb. 9, 2022, 6:30pm

Virtual Zoom Session

Register by: February 7, 2021

Registration Link: <https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/7f-ysrj4tGtVOvi3q4zCyLPARX3kBW-C7>



Adventures in Nature

Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Webinars:

Learn about or sharpen your outdoor skills with online live or archived webinars presented by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources!

Each webinar begins at noon on Wednesdays, lasts less than an hour and gives you a chance to ask questions of the presenters. These offerings are shorter than in-person opportunities, require no travel and fit into busy schedules. They are also archived, so you can watch previous sessions anytime! Check out archived sessions, or register for any or all up-coming sessions at www.mndnr.gov/discover

Contact Benji Kohn for additional information at benjamin.kohn@state.mn.us or 651-259-5178.

- **Feb 2: Snowshoeing and cross country skiing basics**
- **Feb 9: Introduction to winter camping**
- **Feb 16: Introduction to maple syruping**
- **Feb 23: Archery hunting basics**

Great Backyard Bird Count, February 18-21 2022

This is a great winter adventure for the family! Join people from across the globe for as little as 15 minutes from February 18-21 to watch, learn about and count birds in your favorite places, including your backyard. Learn more about this global initiative in a FREE webinar February 16, 2pm Eastern Time (1:00 pm in Wisconsin) . Register for the webinar and learn more at www.birdcount.org . This exciting initiative is sponsored by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the Audubon Society, and Birds Canada.



St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project - Obedience, showmanship, rally and agility fun with your dog!

For youth ages 9 and up with dogs of any age, size, breed or mix. Open the door to better understanding and learning to work as a team with your dog. Start with foundational obedience skills and build upon those skills through rally courses - get faster as you practice! Take your teamwork further by exploring agility. Dogs love these fun workouts. We believe you will find it fun and rewarding too!

You can join the dog project until March, which is the start of the year's training cycle. You can be active March-July, or if desired, you can stay active almost all year:

1. **February – August:** Optional rally and agility trainings for those who are at novice level and above in obedience. Preparation for state 4-H dog show.
2. **February 6:** Treats and Nutrition Class – Open to all 4-H youth, UWEX Office, 2:00-4:00, RSVP – See separate ad for details!
3. **February 27:** Tugs and Crafts Class – Open to all 4-H youth, UWEX Office, 2:00-4:00, RSVP – See separate ad for details!
4. **March 4:** "How Dogs Learn" presentation by One Mind Dogs Coach, Beth Hostetter. Open to all 4-H youth!
5. **March 8:** Dog Committee meeting. 7:00 PM, UWEX Office.
6. **March 27:** "Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention" required presentation.
7. **April 7:** Required dog project orientation and basics sessions
8. **May-July:** Required weekly outdoor obedience trainings to prepare for the July 16 St. Croix County Fair dog show. Yes, the show is the Saturday prior to the formal fair!
9. **August 12-14:** State 4-H Dog Show (optional).
10. **August-October:** Optional weekly outdoor rally and agility trainings.
11. **November-December:** Time Off

Interested? Contact project co-leader Deb Beyer at 920-889-0850 or deborahbeyer2015@gmail.com



Canine Nutrition & Treats

February 6, 2022 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

Have a dog? Enjoy Baking?

RSVP to Abby Stark by email:
astark5751@gmail.com

St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project
Invites all 4-H Youth to attend
these February Events! RSVP Early!



Tugs & Crafts

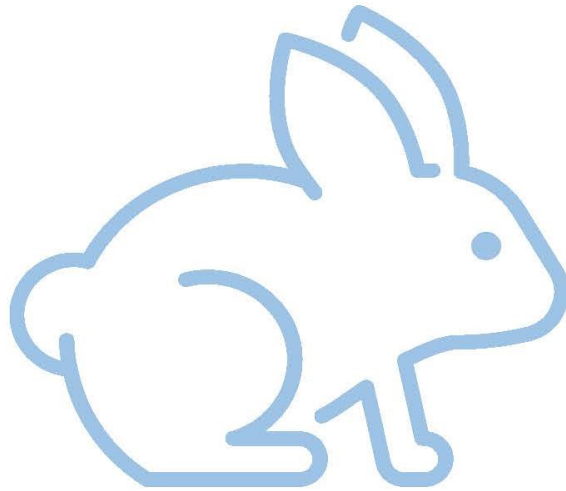
February 27, 2022 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm

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

Create a Tug and Dog Enrichment Game

RSVP to Abby Stark by email:
astark5751@gmail.com

2022 Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show
April 30, 2022
Clark County Fairgrounds,
1121 E. Division St,
Neillsville, WI 54456



Registration by 8:30 a.m.
Show starts at 9 a.m.

15 and under \$.50 per rabbit
16 and up \$1.00 per rabbit
Costume contest is \$2.00

All Ages Welcome. **All Breeds Welcome**, even a Crossbred Class

Awards will be given.

50/50 raffle and silent auction

Show Animals will be on Auction

Please RSVP on Facebook on the Neillsville Rabbit Fun Show page by March 1, 2022.

Animal Sciences Education Series Announced for 2022

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2022. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the second Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer time. Register for any or all the events to get the connection information by email.

For registration and details about each presentation, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h> On this webpage, you can also find an educational verification form. Complete the form and turn it in to your county fair and or livestock committee to verify your participation. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements.”

These sessions will provide awareness and knowledge of animal agriculture in the challenge areas listed. They will also give details on careers and how this area connects with your animal project. There will be a case study to further develop discussion skills with a local project leader, agriculture, and/or science teacher on the discussion topic. Younger youth can learn through a take-home activity they talk about with parents and/or project leaders.

- February 10 – Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 10 – Grand Challenge: Food Safety Pork Carcass Evaluation, Fabrication and Cooking with Pork
- April 14 – Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h> or contact Bernie O’Rourke, UW- Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu. For more information, go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program.

Website – <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/> and <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/programs/wisconsin-youth-livestock/>

YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/c/WisconsinYouthLivestockProgram>

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/wiyouthlvstk/>



Premise ID

This month, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), in partnership with the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC), will begin sending more than 60,000 premises renewals to the state's livestock owners. State law requires that all livestock owners register where their animals are kept, and current registrants must renew their premises registration by July 31.

Registrants can contact WLIC to renew prior to July 31 and do not have to wait until they receive a letter. Livestock owners must register their premises regardless of the number of animals they keep; there is no cost to register. DATCP uses the information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Examples of locations that require registration include:

- Farms and hobby farms
- Backyard poultry flocks
- Veterinary clinics with large animal hospital facilities
- Stables
- Livestock exhibitions, markets, and feedlots
- Dealers and haulers that keep livestock on their property
- Slaughter, rendering, and dead animal facilities
- Any other location where livestock is kept or congregated



Registration renewal is required every three years. Current registrants can renew their premises registration – or, as required, report that they no longer house livestock – by reviewing the information on the renewal form and returning the application to WLIC. Registering or Renewing a Premises Those who need to register a new location can find more information at DATCP's website. Failing to register a premises can result in fines and ineligibility for state indemnity payments if animals are condemned due to disease exposure.

Livestock owners can register new premises or renew previous registrations by:

- Visiting <https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/>
- Calling WLIC at (888) 808-1910
- Downloading and mailing a paper application or returning the renewal form
- Emailing WLIC at info@wiid.org

Registrants will receive confirmation once their registration or renewal is processed. Premises ID numbers may be required by certain municipalities, organizations, and/or fairs.





Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Livestock and Skill-a-thon Contest and the State 4-H Meats Judging Contest! 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.

More information and registration available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2022/01/12/4-h-livestock-and-skill-a-thon-contest-and-the-state-4-h-meats-judging-contest/>

Please keep in mind, currently, mask/face coverings are mandatory on campus by all. We will be in touch as the event gets closer on any changes to COVID requirements.

Photography Project ~ February 2022

Once again, the time seems to be flying by! I personally have been taking many pictures of the beautiful snowfalls and scenes that we have had these past few weeks.

This was in the Communicator in November and I did not hear from anyone. I truly want to help those that want to learn more and I have been talking to some of my photography friends, and we would like to put together a few meetings next year so that you can practice and improve on your own photography skills. In order to set these meetings up I need to hear from you!! What DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT!!! Please email me, make a post in the Facebook page or send me a message via Messenger or a text and let's get some things set up! These meetings would take place on a weeknight and I would like to start April. What part of photography or the entries do you want to learn more about?

I know that not everyone is on Facebook so I will put this here too but I am going to do a February Photo Challenge and see how it goes!! Here is the list of the photos that you can take and either post in the daily FB thread in SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT or text me your pictures, email them or private message them.

If at any time, you have questions I am happy to help. You can ask right in the Facebook page (others may have the same question(s) that you do), you can text, Private Message me or send me an email.

Have an amazing day,

Kay Jacobsen ~

St. Croix County Photography Project Leader

Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com

and the Facebook page is

SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).



ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

News from the Fair Board:

Premises registration is required for all locations where livestock are kept or congregated.

The property owner, livestock owner, livestock caretaker, or other person involved in the livestock operation must register facilities not licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). If two or more people keep livestock on the same premises, one registration covers all.

There is no charge for registering premises.

DATCP requires each livestock premises to renew its registration once every three years.

If you move, change phone numbers, change contact name, or add a new species on your premises, you must update your information in one of the following ways:

- Fill out and submit an online registration/renewal form
- Make corrections to your renewal form and return it in the mail to WLIC.
- Call WLIC at (888) 808-1910 and provide the information that needs to be updated.

The state is planning for all Premise IDs to be renewed in 2022. Please make sure that you get it done prior to fair project enrollment.

The SCLC made a request to the Fair Board to have the sheep and goats brought into the fairgrounds on Wednesday of the fair to ease trailer congestion on Thursday. This request was approved. Please watch your Communicator or emails for more information.

Due to the increasing number of entries for the Photography project, the judging will be moved for the 2022 fair. It will be held the Saturday prior to the fair, July 16th from 11:00-4:00.

The St. Croix County Fair Board is requiring all animal exhibitors to complete a form that contains information on the animal (s) that you will be exhibiting at the St. Croix County fair. We are hoping this will help us when our records are reviewed by the DATCP officials. Please watch for more information.

The 2022 Fair Book is in the works. If you need to make any changes or would like to review any changes to the fair book for your department, please contact Carole Schurtz carole@dewittmedia.com ASAP. The goal is to have the book out to exhibitors mid March.



FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Friends extends best wishes for a better 2022 as we collectively view 2021 in the rearview mirror.

As we reflect on the Friends' 2021 year, we are truly amazed and gratified by results. Thanks to the support and generosity of many, we finished strong - commodity drive, donations, raffles and most of all, the morphed Maytober. A big thank you to all who helped make our success a reality!

Looking ahead to 2022, we believe that we will need to continue to be creative in our fund raising efforts. The great news is the continued commitment of Jody Close, Smith Auctions, to continue hosting online auctions for our benefit..

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our fund raising plan for 2022. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome.

Note: All Clubs are invited to submit an application for a Friends' funded club development grant. Under separate cover, an application will be sent to all county General Leaders of record. Deadline to apply is 2/28/22, Questions, contact Steve Smart at 715-377-5577



Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:00 pm.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be emailed to the 4-H Foundation as one, two-page PDF. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

The application materials represent what youth may be asked to submit when applying for jobs. We encourage applicants to treat this process as if applying for a position.



<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

WHEP & Forestry Contest

It's time to start preparing for the upcoming contest. Most of the contest questions come out of the following manuals. The "Wildlife Management Concepts & Terms" is the best place to start learning the wildlife basics. The National WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Manual www.whep.org/ and the National Forestry Manual www.4hforestryinvitational.org/ are nationally accredited resources.

Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest

It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for entries in the contest. There are 18 categories & four groups: K-2nd grade, 3rd-6th grade, 7th-9th grade, & 10th-13th grade.

**Contest registration forms found on next pages.*



Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contests

Registration Form



(Wildlife & Forestry Art is on a separate registration form.)

Friday, April 1, 2022 OR Saturday, April 2, 2022

Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI (Hwy 45 South of West Bend)



All Wisconsin 4-H club members are encouraged to participate. To be eligible to take part in this contest you must be registered as a Wisconsin 4-H Club member in any project area. This contest is an opportunity for you to become familiar with the wildlife habitat education program competition and the forestry program competition. Most of the questions will be multiple choices.

Wildlife WHEP (5 sections): Management Practices; Concepts; Wildlife Identification; Foods Identification; Management Plan.

Forestry (5 sections): Compass & Topo Maps; Tree Identification; Tree Health - Insects/Diseases; Tree Measurements; and Forest Evaluation.

Ecoregion: Eastern Deciduous Forest, Urban, & Wetlands **Forestry:** Basic Forestry Information

Wildlife & Forestry contest information is on the state website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>

Additional WHEP information is at: www.whep.org

Additional Forestry information is at: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>

Mark "1" for first time choice & "2" for second time choice for each contest you are choosing. You can do one contest each day.

Friday: Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests

Approx. 1 hour

Approx. 1 hour

WHEP _____ 5:00-8:00 Forestry _____ 5:00-8:00

Saturday: Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests

Approx. 1 hour

Approx. 1 hour

WHEP _____ 8:00-12:00 Forestry _____ 8:00-12:00

We will try to schedule your times as requested. We cannot guarantee your choices as they will be scheduled in the order the registration forms are received. SO MAIL EARLY.

*****You are required to email or call us to confirm your contest times after March 25th *****

Junior (3-6 grade) _____ Intermediate (7-9 grade) _____ Senior (10-13 grade) _____

Registration Fees: (No Refunds) - \$8.00 per person. You can enter one contest or both contests for the same fee.

Each PARTICIPANT receives one WHEP/FORESTRY Contest T-Shirt. Adult sizes: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X Large _____ XX L _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
4-H Club _____ County _____ E-mail _____

Permission Statement: I grant permission for my child to participate in the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Contest, Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contest, and Tri-County 4-H Invitational and related activities. I release the Washington County Agriculture and Industrial Society & Washington County Fair Park, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility. I agree to pay all expenses not covered by insurance. I authorize the use of photographs of our family at this event for educational or media purposes.

I have read and understand the rules regarding participation.

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Participant's

Signatures _____

Program support is provided by Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation Chapters, Northern Kettle Moraine Whitetails Unlimited, Friends of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, and Friends of Wisconsin 4-H Forestry. THANK YOU.

Total fees: _____ Check Number _____

Make checks payable to: Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports

Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379

EM: washingtonco4hshootingsports@gmail.com

Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records. Copy as needed. WHEP/Forestry 2022/1212

Contest Rules:

- Your youth division is determined by your grade at date of the contest. Junior 3-6 grade, Intermediate 7-9 grade, Senior 10-13 grade.
- Parents, friends & coaches are not allowed in the contest area.
- Reading assistance will be provided.
- I acknowledge that this youth has reviewed and understands the rules and guidelines for the Contest.
- I acknowledge that this youth is currently enrolled in 4-H and is entered in the correct class.
- Individual awards will be presented.
- 4 members from the same county. A county can enter many teams.
- This is a national WHEP & FORESTRY qualifying event.
- Adult 4-H Leader or 4-H Youth Development Educator

Signature _____ Ph# _____

+++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++



2022 Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest Registration

(Wildlife & Forestry contests are on a separate registration form.)

Friday, April 1, 2022 and Saturday, April 2, 2022

Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI (Hwy 45 S. of West Bend)



This 4-H activity open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project to participate in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities. **See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules for all classes.**

"Brief Description" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached explaining your wildlife item and its wildlife connection on one side and your name, club, and county on the other side. See examples in guidelines on page two. Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. No face to face judging. Judges will give SIX awards in each class and in each division. TAKE UP TO FOUR ITEMS.

Check your Grade: K-5 – 2nd grade ___ 3rd – 6th grade ___ 7th – 9th grade ___ 10th – 13th grade ___

Check the box with your choice of entries – 4 ENTRIES TOTAL

- ☐ **1-Nesting Structure or Feeder for Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc.** – The structure meets specific requirements for the named critter. Include - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc.. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.) Include your story telling description.
- ☐ **2-Craft** – Craft item has wildlife or forestry connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use "put together craft kits" or similar items.)
- ☐ **3-Drawing** – Drawing can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife, forestry, or wildlife habitat connection. Drawing can be pencil, ink, charcoal, chalk, pastel, colored pencil or similar on any surface. Drawing will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- ☐ **4-Invasive Plant or Weed** – Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item for actual collections. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year. Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc. Include your story telling description.
- ☐ **5-Orienteering & Geocaching** – Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications. Poster or display related to geocaching. Include your story telling description.
- ☐ **6-Painting** – Your painting can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Painting can be acrylic, watercolor, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness and your description.
- ☐ **7-Photo Black & White** – Your black & white photo or silhouette photo (one photo only) can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description. No people allowed.
- ☐ **8-Photo Color** – Your color photo (one only), any size, and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description. No people allowed.
- ☐ **9-Recycle** – Any item related to wildlife, forestry, or for wildlife use. Example – bird nesting material. Item will be judged on "story telling ability", practical usefulness, neatness, and your brief description.
- ☐ **10-Taxidermy** – Item or display made 4-H member during the current 4-H year. Include date, location, and county where critter was obtained. Also, include a description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.
- ☐ **11-Trail Camera Photo – Large / Small Mammal** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- ☐ **12-Trail Camera Photo – Upland Bird, Backyard Bird, Waterfowl, or Raptor** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- ☐ **13-Tree or Shrub** – Item, poster or display of a tree or shrub, parts, measurements, related insects or diseases, etc. Include the tree/shrub name and description. Also, can be with an animal, insect, bird, or critter that makes their home in, on, or near a particular tree or shrub species. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- ☐ **14-WHEP or Forestry Concept** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP or forestry Concept (or part of a concept) from the current national manuals. Include the concept name and a description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc.
- ☐ **15-WHEP Foods** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP foods (or part of a food group) from the current national WHEP manual. Include the food group name and a description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc.
- ☐ **16-WHEP or Forestry Management Practice** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP Management Practice (or part of a management practice) from the current national WHEP Manual. Include management practice name and your description Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, create snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, tools used, etc.
- ☐ **17-Wildflower** – Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your description. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- ☐ **18-Wildlife or Forestry Game** – Individual or group game or learning activity related to wildlife or forestry. Include name of game, supplies, rules, and ages for participation. Also, briefly describe what will be learned by the participants. Include a picture of the game being used if possible. Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year

WILDLIFE & FORESTRY ART CONTEST ENTRY FEES:

Youth entered in wildlife/forestry art contest only (Includes t-shirt) \$7.00 first item___ \$2.00 second item___ \$2.00 third item___ \$2.00 fourth item___

Youth entered in Tri County Tournament and Art Contest: \$2.00 First item___ \$2.00 second item___ \$2.00 third item___ \$2.00 fourth item___

Can't Attend the Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest. Please make arrangements with a friend to bring your item and take it along home after the event. If that is not possible, please mail/ship your entry in an "acceptable, returnable, and reusable packaging". Your item will be return shipped after the contest. We are not responsible for lost or damaged shipments. Please include the proper applicable shipping cost for the return shipment (nearest dollar value) with your registration fee. See your local Post Office or UPS Store for applicable shipping rates. Your General Club Leader or Extension Youth Development Educator or Project Leader must acknowledge that your entry is your work and that it was made during the current 4-H project year. Contact us with questions.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Art Contest Rules

- Only North American wildlife (including migratory critters), plants, etc., especially those in found in Wisconsin can be used.
- Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. (See listed exceptions.)
- All 4-H wildlife artwork must be done by the participant and not previously exhibited at a Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Art Contest.
- Mountings or frames on photos, drawings, and paintings are not required. Items will be judged on their "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.
- Diorama, displays, pictures, and posters can be any reasonable size as long as it is easy to handle and display.
- **"Brief Description" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached with your name, club, & county on one side and description which includes proper name, habitat requirements (diet, water & cover). See examples below.**
- **Your Wildlife or Forestry Description is Required and counts 30% toward an award" - 75 words maximum.**
Your description includes the correct critter name or names. You can include habitat information (diet, water & cover), and other interesting comments that tells the story about your item.
Brief example for "Photo, Drawing, or Painting": (Your picture of deer) so your description is as follows:
"White-tailed Deer - This is a large mammal. Habitat: forest & prairie areas, Foods sources: grass, acorns, browse"
Brief example for "Wildlife WHEP Concept" poster: (Your concept is a food web) so your description is as follows:
"Food Web - A food web is a network of interconnected food chains. A food chain starts with primary producer (example), and next is primary consumer (example). Next is secondary consumer (example) and tertiary consumer (example) follows next".
- Youth are limited to **one entry in a class for your age and four entries total.**
- **Your division is determined by your birthday as the first day of the event.**
- Make sure your project will withstand being handled. Projects will be on display for others to view and to examine.
- **No face to face judging. Judges will give SIX awards (and honorable mention as determined) in each class and in each division.**
- Any entry not meeting all contest rules will not be eligible for an award.
- Items are entered on Friday evening or Saturday morning. **Items must be registered and on display by 10:00 A.M. Saturday. Late items will not be judged. Items are on display until 1:00 P.M. Please make arrangements for pick-up of your entries if you leave early.**
- +++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++

I acknowledge that this youth is currently enrolled in 4-H and is entered in the correct classes.

General Club Leader or Extension Youth Development Educator or Adult 4-H Project Leader (project _____) acknowledgment.

Signature _____ Ph# _____ Project Leader for _____

Tri-County Wildlife Competition: Friday night and Saturday to 1:00PM. **Separate age classes:** K-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19.

Different tests will be used in various age divisions. There are 40 multiple choice questions. No fee required and you are automatically entered. See the wildlife team entry form for details. (This contest is not the Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Statewide Competition. See the separate registration form.)

I'm entered on a tournament wildlife team.

Team Name: _____

See the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H web site for more details on wildlife contest topics:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>

See the 4-H web site for more details on wildlife contest topics: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingssports/>

Each PARTICIPANT receives only one Tournament T-Shirt. Adult sizes: Small___ Medium___ Large___ X Large___ XX L___

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 12, 2022. Faxed entry forms must be received before midnight that day with payment and original registration received here by March 17, 2022. **No late entries accepted.**

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
4-H Club _____ County _____ E-mail _____

Program support is provided by Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation Chapters, Northern Kettle Moraine Whitetails Unlimited, Friends of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, and Friends of Wisconsin 4-H Forestry. THANK YOU.

Permission Statement: I grant permission for my child to participate in the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Art Contest and related activities. I release the hosting facility, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility while participating or in attendance. I agree to pay all expenses not covered by insurance. I authorize the use of photographs of our family at this event for educational or media purposes. **I have read and understand the contest rules regarding participation.**

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Participant's Signature: _____
Total fees: _____ Check Number _____ Make checks payable to: Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports

Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379

EM: washingtonco4hshootingssports@gmail.com

Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records. Copy as needed.

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2022 State Team Applications Available Now

Applications are available for the 2022 Wisconsin 4-H State Teams! Do you love to sing, dance, act, write, speak, or draw? This may be for you!

Youth in grades 9-13 can apply to join the State Drama Company and State Arts Team for 2022. Teams help to lead WI 4-H & Youth Conference, perform at State Fair, help conduct the State Art Show, and much more! You can find out more information at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>

Applications are open in 4HOnline and close on **February 15, 2022**. Review the application pages for full information on what is required to apply. We hope to have you join us on one of our State Teams!

2022 Wildlife & Woods Virtual Classes – Coming Soon!

More Wildlife and Woods Virtual Sessions. Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry virtual event.



Outdoor enthusiasts get to connect with other 4-H youth grades 3-13 from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and forests. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Each month focuses on a different habitat, some of its plants and critters. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-led by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful. Youth leaders can research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Shannon Stege: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

To register for the virtual sessions, watch your e-mail for a message from 4-H online. The registration link will also be in the January TRACKS Newsletter. Mark your 2022 calendars for the third Wednesdays, 7- 8 pm. Feb 16 - Hot Desert; Mar 16 - City Wildlife; Apr 20 - Great Lakes

OTHER NEWS



St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners Association



Money Available for Local Garden Projects



Grant Applications are due Monday, March 7th, 2022

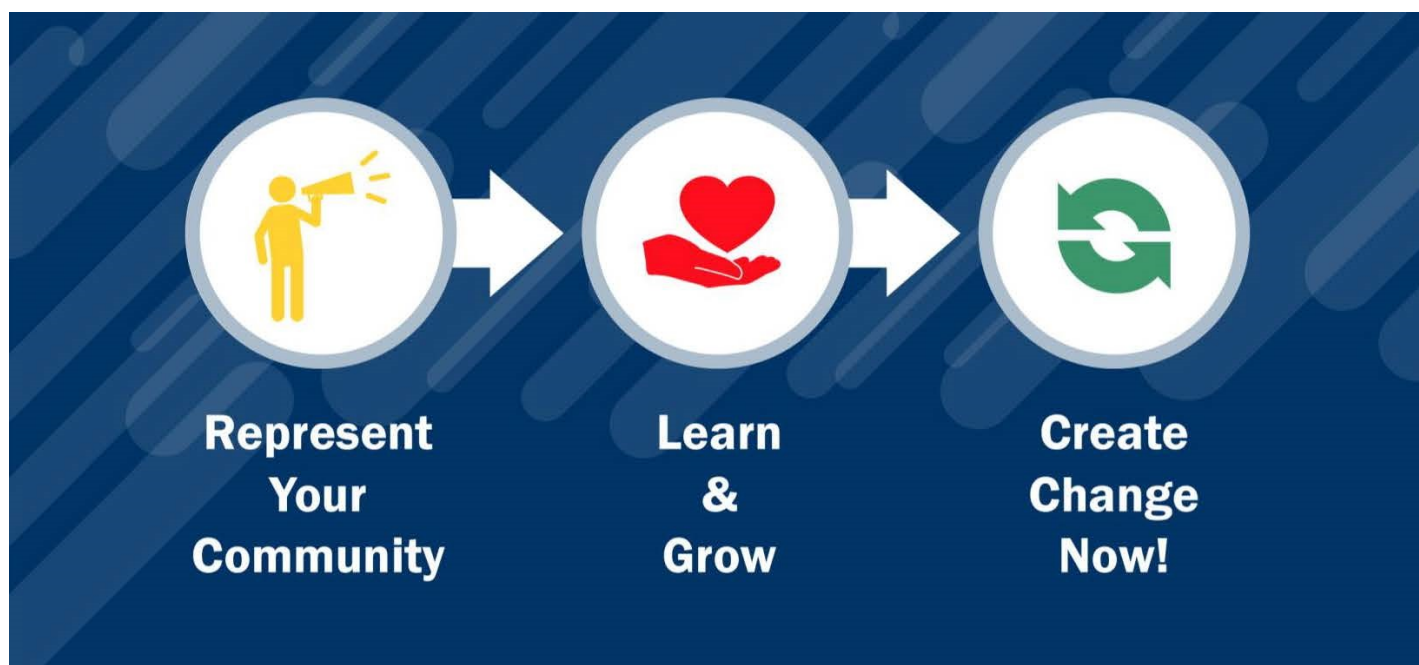
Grant Applications are available up to \$250 for gardening projects that:

- ✓ Contribute to the beautification of public spaces; or
- ✓ Contribute to horticultural education of the public.
- ✓ Youth projects are especially desirable.

Past projects have included:

- * Rain gardens and butterfly gardens at schools, parks etc.
- * Large flowerpots to beautify downtown areas
- * Development of community gardens to benefit local food shelves and senior centers
- * Prairie restoration
- * Beautification of park entrances and public areas

The 2022 Community Grant application with instructions and project specifications is available online at www.scvmga.weebly.com and can be found under the "Forms" tab.



Interested in making a difference in your community?

Apply to Join the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council!

The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) brings teens together from across the country who are passionate about emergency preparedness and making a difference in their communities. Council members are selected based on involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership experience, and interest in preparedness and emergency management.

Students in grades 8 through 11 are eligible to apply.

YPC members share ideas and feedback with FEMA, collaborate to develop preparedness projects, and build their leadership and emergency management skills. Youth leaders who are interested in applying to the YPC must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation.

The application period is January 24 – March 6 (11:59 p.m. PST), 2022

Learn More and Apply Today!

Visit ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council to learn more.



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Applications Due



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