

4-H



COMMUNICATOR

2022-2023 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 1 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 15 to add or delete any projects.

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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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."*

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4-H Club Meetings

Almost every 4-H club holds **regular** club meetings. Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts—**recreation (fun)**, **business**, and **learning**. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club.

Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each meeting. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!

What is **my role** as an adult?

Adults help create a safe, positive atmosphere for all 4-H members when they empower and encourage youth. While at a meeting, it's important to be a positive role model for everyone in attendance. Caring adults play an important role in the mental health of youth, and 4-H can help connect youth with positive adults.



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Make this a **positive experience**.

1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
2. Let youth run the meeting. It's their club!
3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
4. Ask your club leader how you can help.
5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker!

Should I **stay** or should I **go**?

It's strongly recommended that parents/guardians attend the 4-H meeting with your child. Club meetings provide great opportunities to learn with other club members, but the learning doesn't stop there. By attending the meeting, you can reflect on the meeting together and continue the education outside the club.

Parliamentary Procedure Answer Key (see Member Edition):

1. Motion | 2. Second | 3. Discuss | 4. Re-state the motion | 5. Vote



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)



Exploring 4-H for New Families

Member Edition



Get to Know Your Club

All 4-H clubs have adult leaders and youth decision makers. Most clubs have youth officers, like a president or a treasurer. Fill in the name and role of your club leaders, and then ask them a question. Try to meet a new club member that you don't know yet, too!

Role	Name	Question	Answer
Adult Leader		How long have you been the club leader?	
Youth President/Leader		What's the best part of being a club officer?	
		How many years have you been in 4-H?	
		What's your favorite hobby outside of 4-H?	
		What's your favorite part of 4-H?	

How is the meeting run?

Most 4-H clubs use **parliamentary procedure** to make club decisions. See if you can put the five steps of this procedure in order. Each step is written in **bold**. The answers are found at the bottom of the adult edition.

Re-state the Motion—The president restates the motion before the group votes.

1. _____

Discussion—The motion is discussed by all members. Members might want to bring up good or bad things about the motion, or maybe find some ways that it needs to be changed.

2. _____

Motion—A motion is a request that something can be done. Only one motion should be placed before the group at one time. A motion can be discussed and changed.

3. _____

Vote—The group votes to decide if they will pass or deny the motion. Voting usually happens by voice. Members say “aye” if they agree, and “nay” if they disagree. Voting sometimes happens in other ways (secret ballot, show of hands).

4. _____

Second—If someone agrees with the motion, they can “second the motion,” which means it can be discussed by all members.

5. _____

Adapted from Quick and Easy Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Wisconsin 4-H Southern District Leadership Team, 2001.

How are you a part of parliamentary procedure as a club member?

Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.

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CALENDAR

February

- 4 VIP Training (RSVP Deadline Jan 27)
- 4 Food Stand Meeting
- 5 Full Moon - Telescope Viewing
- 6 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 6 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 9 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 10 Fair Board Meeting
- 13 Robotics Programming
- 25 Clover College
- 26 Horse Project Quiz Bowl Practice
- 27 Robotics Programming



March

- 1 Enrollment Deadline to show at St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- 4 3-D Printing
- 6 Horse Project Drill Team Commitment Meeting
- 6 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 7 Full Moon - Telescope Viewing
- 9 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 9 Dog Project Committee Meeting
- 12 4-H Day @ Trollhaugen
- 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
- 26 Horse Project Quiz Bowl Practice
- 27 Robotics Programming
- 31 4-H Scholarship Applications Due



April

- 1 Fair Registration Opens
- 3 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 13 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 15 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 17 Rocket Building
- 20 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 23 Horse Project Quiz Bowl Practice
- 29 Cupcake Decorating Workshop



CLUB INFORMATION

2023 4-H Clover College (REGISTRATION ON PAGE 6-7)

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

Location: Spring Valley Middle/High School, Spring Valley, WI

Time: 9:00am—2:30pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

Cost: \$15.00 / youth

Registration Deadline: February 13, 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. Please see registration form for more information on the workshops being offered. Youth are required to bring a sack lunch. **All registrations are due to the St. Croix County UW-Extension Office by February 13.** Workshops are on a first come first served basis.

4-H Day @ Trollhaugen - Sunday, March 12th 2023

Program Schedule:

Skiing and Snowboarding

Arrival - 11:30am arrival

Free Beginner Lessons - 12:00pm-1:00pm

Free Snowsports Merit Badge Test - 2:30pm



Tubing

Arrival 15-30 minutes prior to your tubing time (12pm, 2pm, 4pm starts)

Fees:

Lift Ticket \$21

Rental Package (ski or snowboard - includes helmet) \$19

Tubing Ticket \$17 - 2 hours

How To Register:

Call 715-755-2955 x223 or email rose@trollhaugen.com Clubs and Youth must pre-register by **BY MARCH 3th, 2023** (Space is Limited and we may reach our capacity before this date - so please reserve as soon as possible).

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

Food Stand update:

I know it seems like a long time away, but the food stand committee is getting ready to plan for the fair. We will be meeting on Sat. Feb. 4 at 10:00 at the home of Mari and Dennis Omman. We would love new ideas so if you are interested or have some ideas, please let us know. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to help, that would be awesome. We will be discussing the menu, stand improvements, and ordering supplies. You can call Debbie at 715-684-9696 or email dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com



Clover College

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Spring Valley Middle/High School

51450 County Rd CC, Spring Valley

Session Descriptions

Wood Robots

Anne Wittman

Experience the fun of woodworking. Learn new skills and create a toy robot. Grades K-2 Class Limit: 8

Wooden Race Car!

Jennie Bazille

Learn how to make a new re-designed race car from wood. Class Limit: 20

Henna Drawing

Cami Curtis

Do you like to draw? Do you like art? Well, how about henna drawing? Join us for a fun way to create awesome pieces of artwork.

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 15

Talk'n Dogs

Debbie Beyer

Come practice basic dog handling skills with an imaginary dog and you will meet a real 4-H dog. She will show you some of the things she does when she is in a dog show. Class Limit: 15

Cricut Creations

Lindsay Spindler

Have you ever wanted to make custom designs for t-shirts, stickers, and more? Come learn more about making your very own, one of a kind, designs using the Cricut machine. Youth will need to bring a shirt to do an iron-on design.

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8

Spring Time in the Woods

Mike Lindley

Are you interested in turkey hunting, shed deer antler hunting, and more mushroom picking?

Class Limit: 15

Seed Art Birds

April Daniels

We will learn about different wild birds and their habitats and about the seeds that we will decorate the bird cutouts with!

Grades K-2 Class Limit: 10

Leathercraft

Heidi Wagner

Experience the art of leathercraft. Learn new skills and create one of a kind pieces.

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 10

Wild Mammals of Wisconsin

Debbie Beyer

Through this interactive session, learn about the furry, amazing, wild creatures that secretly live in our yards, woods and fields, swim in our waters and fly in the air! See how many you can identify. Learn more as you meet some live mammal ambassadors - Licorice, Coco and Rosita!

Class Limit: 15

Barn Quilts

Hannah White-McGinn

Make a beautiful barn quilt section through drawing and cutting your own design.

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

Having Fun Expressing Yourself

AJ and Bridget Lentz

Are you ready for warm-ups? A Drama Circle? A short skit? This workshop will get you ready to audition for your next big role!

Class Limit: 15

Arm Knitting

Beth McIlquham

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: 5

Lefsa

Tammy Frank and Shannon Kamm

Learn how to make a soft Norwegian bread from potatoes and flour.

Class limit: 10

Hula Hoop Rugs

Jennie Bazille

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

Class limit: 10

The Wonderful World of Color

Heather Vierling

Learn the science behind color. Explore color mixing and create bright and exciting fair projects. Youth need to bring a white t-shirt or socks to tie dye.

Grades K-5, Class limit: 12

Make your own planter

Anne Wittman

See how to make a wooden planter.

Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 12



Clover College

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Spring Valley MS/HS

Open to all youth grades K-5th

Registration at 8:30am/Start at 9:00am

Registration Fee: \$ 15.00 / youth

2023 Clover College Participant Registration

Name (s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade(s) _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ Race _____ Health Concerns: (allergies, etc.)

Emergency contact name _____ Emergency contact telephone _____

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

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

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

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

Registration Deadline: **Feb. 13, 2023** 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.

_____ Wood Robots (K-2) _____ Wooden Race Car (K-5) _____ Lefse (K-5)

_____ Henna Drawing (G 3-5) _____ Cricut Creations (G 3-5) _____ Spring Time in the Woods (K-5)

_____ Seed Art Birds (K-2) _____ Leathercraft (G 3-5) _____ Talk'n Dogs (K-5)

_____ Barn Quilts (G 3-5) _____ Wild Mammals of Wisconsin (K-5) _____ Make your own planter (G 3-5)

_____ Sewing 101 (G 3-5) _____ Having Fun Expressing Yourself (K-5) _____ Hula Hoop Rugs (K-5)

_____ Arm Knitting (K-5) _____ The Wonderful World of Color (K-5)

Yes ☐ No ☐ I am available to help with sessions at Clover College on February 25, 2023:

Name: _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Ben Engler** of the Rustic Renegades 4-H Club, Ben is the lucky winner of a \$50 gift card for completing the WI 4-H Thrive Survey. WI 4-H uses this survey information to provide high-quality programming in 4-H in Wisconsin!

The 4-H Context

4-H is the context—or setting—in which young people grow and thrive. By creating a positive, engaging space and hands-on learning opportunities for youth now, we put in place the building blocks for a strong future. The context is built on three foundational pieces:

- Facilitating Youth Sparks—Providing a place for youth to explore their interests and passions—their sparks!
- Youth Program Quality Principles—Offering programs that follow youth program quality principles with a focus on youth belonging
- Fostering Developmental Relationships—Emphasizing developmental relationships with adults who are caring, challenge growth, and share power



Clover University - Save the Date

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Location: TBD

Time: 9:00am—2:30pm

Cost: \$15.00 / youth



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!

CLOVER UNIVERSITY LEADERS NEEDED:

As we gear up for Clover College, we know that means Clover University is just around the corner! Please consider utilizing your leadership skills this March 25th, at 2023 Clover University! Interest in hosting a workshop at the 2023 Pierce, Polk and St. Croix 4-H Clover University. Our goal is to provide youth with a variety of project workshops. Workshops are 1 hour and 55 minutes in length. Our tentative date for this event is Saturday, March 25, 2023.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc49Pfq3nw0h8CNMlxZ-iULdqC5P3BVsqTiGi1jAFPMGeAGvQ/viewform?usp=pp_url



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



Attention 4-H High School Seniors 2023!!

St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarships are now available! Each year, the SCC 4-H Leaders Association has granted scholarships to graduating seniors who are pursuing a post secondary education. Check out the link below for the details on how to apply for a 2023 4-H Scholarship - Deadline for all applications is **Friday, March 31, 2023 at 5pm.**

NEW TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP - If you are planning to pursue a career in the trades (which could include, but not be limited to, the fields of welding, construction, plumbing, carpentry, electrician, etc.) and are enrolled or plan to enroll in a vocational program for the 2023 – 2024 academic school year, this scholarship is for you! See link to detailed application below!

For help with creating cover letters and resumes, applicants should reach out to their club leaders, teachers or parents. There are also sample resumes at: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

- St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship Application 2023 <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/2023-Scholarship-Description-Application-FINAL-2023.01.29.pdf>
- St. Croix County 4-H TRADE Education Scholarship Application 2023 <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/2023-TRADE-Education-Scholarship-Description-Application-FINAL-2023.01.29.pdf>
- Betty Utecht Forgivable Loan Application 2023 (for the field of nursing) <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/2023-Betty-Utecht-Forgivable-Loan-Application-FINAL-2023.01.29.pdf>



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/files/2022/08/2022-23-FINAL-Scholarship-Application-AND-Forms-Consolidated-FINAL-2022.08.01.pdf>

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

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION is now accepting scholarship applications

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:00 pm.**

For more information, eligibility and how to apply: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



Rolling Hills 4-H Club in January



Rolling Hills held their annual Chili Cook Off at their monthly meeting. Members got to bring in their favorite chili or soup recipes and judged by fellow club members. The winners and categories are:

Most Creative: AJ Longe

Most Colorful: AJ Lentz

Most Tasty: Jonathan Beyer

Best Overall: James and Audrey Kass

This was organized by Evelyn Bakken and Jonathan Beyer.

Also at this month's meeting, we had the amazing opportunity of having two guest speakers talk to us about their endeavors with serving in the United States Air Force. Sisters; Peyton and Cheyanne Massie. They both served in different areas. Peyton, pictured in her ABU's, was in 4-H from 2006-2018. She served in the active duty side of things. While Cheyanne, pictured in her blue's, was in 4-H from 2003-2015. She served on the National Guard side. They both talked about how being in 4-H prepared them to serve in the military. Some of the ways 4-H helped them to do that was by: 1. Learning how to take criticism, which came from being judged at the fair. 2. Speaking in front of people. They also shared some things that they learned almost as a result of that. They learned that if you don't know the answer to a question, it's okay to say you don't know, but that you will find out and actually find the answer and do a follow up with the person who asked that question. Their words of wisdom, especially, from past Rolling Hills members showed the club that being in 4-H can open up a whole bunch of opportunities in the real world.

Article submitted by; Evelyn Bakken



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

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/REsfNRwhZdKyaqH7>

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)

Volleyball League

There was a 4-H volleyball league from October 30th – January 8th at Clear Lake High School that included kids from St. Croix and Polk County. Groups were split between middle school and high school kids for the most part and everyone played together at times. Fun was had by all. It was advertised by word of mouth for grades 6 – 13.

Next year I will try to get more information out there earlier and in the newsletter! There were also several elementary age kids that joined in as well and had a great time. Next year I would like to include more elementary age kids as well and another person(s) to commit time to help organize/officiate/assist at each level. I'm specifically looking for someone to help with the middle school kids and another for the elementary kids.

Picture from our last night (missing several)!

Contact Gina Schneider ginamarie929@yahoo.com



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

March 21 @ 7:00pm

UW-Extension Office or via ZOOM

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting



4-H COMMITTEES

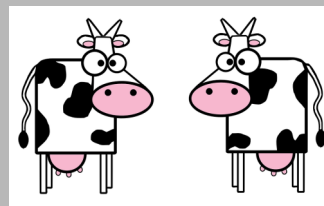


Attn: Dairy Goat Youth

Find the scholarship information here: <http://bit.ly/3VYU5ez>

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 DAIRY BOWL

February 25th, 2023 at UW-Green Bay STEM Innovations Building

See post for more information!

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Registration: Opens January 1st and closes February 12th at 11:59pm through 4-H Online. More information on how to register along with other participation and contest information is available in The Dairy Bowl Contest Rules document located on the informational website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/>

BEEF SHOWING 101

Are you interested in showing beef?!

Do you have questions or need help figuring out where to start?

Then this workshop is for you!

Some common questions we will answer include the following: (plus more)

When should my calf be born?

What rate of gain do I need?

What type of supplies do I need?

And many more!

WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY:
BROOKE MEYER
AND
JEFF MEYER

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

DATE: FEB. 27, 2023

LOCATION: EHS AG. ROOM

TIME: 6 PM

Please sign on the form to give us a rough head count and to put in any questions you have.

Link: <https://forms.gle/BqSJ5pS6jFWPeenq9>

QR Code:





Wisconsin Livestock Owners Reminded to Renew Their Premises Registration by July 31

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 10, 2022

Contact: Kevin Hoffman, Public Information Officer, (608) 224-5005,
kevin.hoffman@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – 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.

** Livestock in Wisconsin includes: Cattle and other bovine animals; swine; poultry; sheep; goats; horses and other equine animals; farm-raised deer and other cervids; gamebirds including pheasants, quail, wild turkeys, migrating waterfowl, pigeons, and exotic birds raised in captivity; bison; llamas and other camelids; ratites such as emus and ostriches; and farm-raised fish*

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Find more DATCP news in our [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Foods Project Save the Date:

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



St. Croix County dog project is planning an exciting year ahead. **Enrollment deadline is April 1st.**

To suit a variety of skill and interest levels, there are a variety of program elements in the dog project. The following will help interested and existing members prepare for the year ahead. The core required season is spring (April-July) for everyone to get ready for obedience and showmanship at the St. Croix County dog show in July. Everything else is optional and dependent on skill level.

New and existing dog project members enrolled by April 1, 2023: You are welcome to participate in any of the education sessions this winter, but you are not eligible to bring your dog. Training will begin in April for you, and in May for you and your dog as a team. You will train up until the county fair. If you want to train beyond that (August-October) you can discuss with your trainers and find out what you'd be eligible to do. What you are eligible to do depends on your skill level in obedience.

For all dog project members – just the basics: No matter what skill level you are at, if you are wanting to do only the basic or minimal amount of training in the dog project, that would mean that you'd go to the mandatory meeting in April and then participate in at least 5 of the 10 sessions of obedience training offered May-July (Thursday evenings). This is the minimal requirement for showing at the County Fair.

Educational classes: These are open to all youth in 4-H, whether enrolled in the dog project or not. The classes are offered as optional learning opportunities for you and your family and are not required, except the Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention class is a prerequisite for those who are eligible and want to train in agility and rally.

Training classes for youth/dog teams: Obedience and showmanship training is offered May-July and is open to all dog project enrollees – no matter what skill level.

Agility and rally training will be offered throughout much of the year, so youth/dog teams can stay tuned up and keep learning. Agility and rally training is open to youth/dog teams that have passed the basics of obedience and are training at the novice level or higher – they also have participated in the Dog Behavior and Dog Bite Prevention education session.

Committee meetings: These business meetings are held quarterly for the dog project volunteer leaders and any other parents or youth who want to help plan the program logistics.





Dog Project 2023 - Year at a Glance

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

<i>Optional - Winter Education and Enrichment Season: January-March</i>	<i>Youth education sessions over the winter are optional for all dog project enrollees. Winter rally and agility training is only for those who have passed several seasons of obedience training and the Dog Bite Prevention class.</i>
February and March Sundays 3-4 pm	Dog Agility and Rally foundation. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley WI. 54767. <i>To participate, youth/dog teams must be experienced in obedience training and be at the NOVICE LEVEL or above. They must also have attended the Dog Bite Prevention class.</i> This class will run for a consecutive 8 weeks, dates are subject to change.
February 19 Sunday 2-3pm	Tricks that Transition! and Attention Development. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley WI. 54767. <i>Youth/Dog teams must have completed Beginner Pre-Novice (in obedience) and should attend as a team. First year dog project members are welcome to come observe <u>without</u> their dogs.</i>
March 9 Thursday, 7 pm	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project committee meeting. This is a business meeting for the project leaders, held at Bank Five Nine, 118 Homestead Drive, Suite #5, New Richmond, WI. Any parents or youth who want to participate in the planning discussions are welcome.
March 26 Sunday 2-3 pm	Jump Building for Agility and Obedience. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel, N8694 County Road B, Spring Valley WI. This class is open to all dog project members; members attend <u>without</u> their dogs. Cost is \$30.00 per member.
<i>Required - Spring Training Season: April-July</i>	<i>Spring training for the youth/dog teams in obedience is required for all members and is foundational for expanding to additional disciplines. This is preparation for the St. Croix Co. Dog Show.</i>
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. All dog project members MUST ATTEND ONE of the two dates offered.
April 27 Time TBD	Dog obedience orientation. Held at the St. Croix Central HS baseball fields. <u>Youth only - no dogs at this session!</u> Dog project members new and old will learn the basics of what to expect in the obedience training sessions, meet the trainers, and have a great time getting to know each other.
May/June	Dog obedience and showmanship weekly training on Thursday evenings. Agility and rally practices resume. Times and places TBD.
June 6	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Committee meeting.
June	Grooming clinic and career exploration field trip. Date and time to be determined.
July	Dog Project Fun Show and St. Croix County Fair Dog Show Dates and Times TBD.



Dog Project 2023 - Year at a Glance

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<i>Optional - Summer Training Season: July-Oct.</i>	<i>Training continues for those qualified and interested to show at the WI state dog show. Annual project year wrap-up.</i>
Aug./Sept.	Optional agility, rally, obedience, showmanship practices resume to prepare for State 4-H dog show participants. Times and places TBD.
Sept. 12	Proposed dog project banquet and annual project year wrap-up.
Sept./Oct.	Dog project promotional events at White Pine Berry Farm and Camp St. Croix. Dates and Times TBD.
Sept/Oct dates TBD	State 4-H Dog Show
Winter Break: Nov.-Dec.	<i>Break from training. Practice 1-2 times only in preparation for the holiday parade.</i>
December	New Richmond Holiday Lights Parade. Date and time TBD.

SUMMER 4-H INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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WITH 4-H**

- 1** Build Leadership & Job Skills
- 2** Gain Experience Working in Youth Education
- 3** Explore Career Opportunities with Extension
- 4** Great Resume Builder
- 5** Have Fun While Working

To learn more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://studentjobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/job/504066/polk-county-4h-youth-development-summer-intern#.Y872a9e0ccU.link>



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**Join the 4-H
Team this
Summer -
Opportunity
in Polk
County!**

Visit: <https://studentjobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/job/504066/polk-county-4h-youth-development-summer-intern?fbclid=IwAR1LF3FXsAcXe2BT3hiPZUGTN175ZUiJ-BpKBTcG4-6VRSgJTQptmGwF4xc>

Horse Project News

Upcoming 2022-2023 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

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



Special Events - Ag Center unless otherwise noted

- February 26th- Quiz bowl Practice- Ag Center in Baldwin at 6:30pm
- March 6th - Drill team commitment meeting - Ag Center in Baldwin 6:00 pm
- March 26th- Quiz bowl Practice- Ag Center in Baldwin at 6:30pm
- April 15th- Kick off Meeting- Ag Center in Baldwin- Arrival time: 8:30am, starting at 9:00am
- April 20th- Kick off Meeting- Star Prairie Town Hall- Arrival time: 6:30pm, starting at 7:00pm
- April 23rd- Quiz Bowl Practice- Ag Center in Baldwin at 6:30pm
- June 3rd - 8:00 Am - Day of Clinics - St. Croix County FairGrounds
- June 23 - 25th - Weekend Extravaganza - St. Croix County FairGrounds
- Monday Oct 2, 6:00 - Annual year end banquet and annual meeting - New Richmond American Legion

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

STEM Happenings:

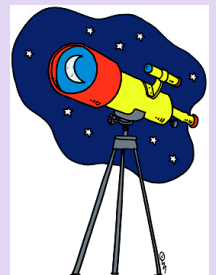
Robotics:

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.

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.



3-D Printing:

Join us to create a 3-D model that can be used for 3-D printing. On **Saturday, March 4, 9 am-12 pm**, we will have a demonstration on how the 3-D printer works and then you can create a model of your own. Due to the amount of time involved to print, your model will be printed and sent to you a few weeks afterward. **Bring a USB drive to save your work.**

Rockets:

On **April 17 from 6-8 pm** come to the extension office to create a rocket of your own. On **May 6 at 10 am** we will launch the rockets outside, weather permitting.

Please email bj.sippl@gmail.com or text 715-338-1159 to RSVP for any of these events.

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Friends extend their best wishes for a great 2023 as we collectively view 2022 in the rearview mirror.

As we reflect on the Friends' 2022 year, we are truly amazed and gratified by the 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 a reality of our stretch goal - fully funding the note on the Multi-species Livestock Barn! We also continued with Club Development Grants and partial funding of the Heritage Calf Project

Looking ahead to 2023, I 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 2023. Please feel free to contact Friends' Board Members with your suggestions – all ideas are welcome. We also welcome new members to our team –if interested, contact **Chris Libbey at (651) 247-0395**



WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2023

****Updated Dates****

February 13 - Beef Live/Carcass Evaluation & Cookery

Speakers: Ron Russell, retired Senior Lecturer, UW Madison, and
Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist

April 3 - Reproductive Technologies in Agriculture

Speakers: Dr. Nate Dorshorst, GenOvations, Inc.

All events are **free**, **virtual** and
begin at 7 p.m. CST
Can meet county educational
requirements.

For more information & how to
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>



REVISED DATES!

Sign up at <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

JANUARY 17 | FEBRUARY 21 | -MARCH 21
6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

4-H PROJECT DISCOVERY

GLOBAL REACH

YOUTH: 3RD GRADE AND OLDER



Want to join a global student event from your home computer!? A ticket to this event will propel you into an international arena! Dial in to learn about different cultures, countries and languages while representing our US culture to other participating countries!

Each month, Zoom in to have the chance to discuss how our US culture is different from (and also similar to!) the cultures of 2 to 3 international students.

Email Mary Big Mountain (Mbigmountain@wisc.edu) for more info!

Register at: go.wisc.edu/66h62v



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities,
please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc



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2023 4-H ArtBEAT! Registration is OPEN!

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT?
ArtBEAT! Registration opens Friday for 2023 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!



4-H ArtBEAT! is for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is an introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication where 4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future.

The 2023 WI 4-H ArtBEAT! will be held March 17 through 19 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday at 11:00 am.

Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the “arts,” participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

Parents are not required to attend but are invited. All adults attending the camp must be enrolled volunteers who have completed all volunteer and Adult Advisor/Chaperone Training (including Supporting Youth Mental Health, required for overnight chaperones). Adult Advisors are responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend ArtBEAT! must complete the requirements to become a 4-H Leader before ArtBEAT! and participate in an Adult Advisor/Chaperone Orientation Zoom on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H Leaders should contact their county UW-Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves Volunteer in Preparation (VIP), Title IX, Mandated Reporter, and Building Safe Spaces (BSS) Trainings and a Background Check.

The \$125.00 per person fee for youth and \$75.00 per person fee for adults will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, and meals.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H FUN? Transportation to ArtBEAT! is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

REGISTER EARLY! This experience fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration will open in 4H Online on **January 20 and will close on February 20, 2023**. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST. For additional information check out: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/art-beat/>

For more information contact: Laura Pine, 4-H Educational Programs Coordinator at 608-262-1222 or lpine@wisc.edu or Amber Rehberg, State 4-H Arts & Communication Support, at 715.784.1540 or amber.rehberg@wisc.edu.

Summer Academy

June 19-22, 2023



Hosted by Wisconsin 4-H and Community Youth Development of UW-Madison Extension.

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 19-22, 2023. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.

Tracks

There will be 7 content tracks for 2023 Summer Academy, with youth able to select their track and get an engaging experience in their content area. The 7 tracks for 2023 are:

- Arts & Communication
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Sciences
- STEM
- Hospitality / Culinary
- Construction / Trades
- Human Services

More information will be coming soon about Summer Academy. Stay tuned!



Save the Date! April 2-25, 2023 - 4-H PYD Virtual Academy - Camp Experiences for Youth to Thrive!

This all-virtual PYD academy is intended for 4-H and other youth development professionals who plan, deliver, support, and oversee camping programs, including front-line educators, faculty, center and/or facilities staff. Academy participants will learn where and how to infuse positive youth development into the camper and youth leadership training experiences. Registration opens early March. Go to <https://pyd-academy.extension.org/>

OTHER NEWS



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RESILIENT CO-PARENTING

A series of topic-specific classes for parents or caregivers raising children together while living apart.

Join us for any or all of the following sessions!

Feb. 2nd:	Families Fighting Fair
Mar 2nd:	Successful Stepfamilies
April 6th:	Navigate Difficult Conversations
May 4th:	Parenting from a Distance
June 1st:	Co-Parenting Teens
July 6th:	Cope with Stress through Transition
Aug. 3rd:	Help Children with Strong Emotions
Sept. 7th:	Relationship Readiness
Oct. 5th:	Self Compassion
Nov. 2nd:	Mindful Money Practices
Dec. 7th:	Forgiveness for Moving Forward

7:00-8:00 pm over Zoom
1st Thursday of each month
in 2023!

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use link to
register!



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Summer Opportunity from the YMCA Educational Farm:

We are searching for three, full time summer seasonal staff who would be educators on our educational farm here at Camp St. Croix: a Discovery Garden Educator, High Tunnel Educator, and Farm Animal Educator. We would love it if these individuals had a background and experience in agriculture, education, or simply a connection to the land and the source of our food. Experiences and enjoyment in working with kids is also helpful!

We are hiring 16 years olds and up, but the preference would be they are 17-18 or older as they will be working with some machinery (depending on experience and skill level). Pay starts at \$16/hour! Hours are Monday through Friday.

If interested and job description email Anna...

Anna Zimmer
Farm Program Director
YMCA CAMP ST. CROIX
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WI 54016
(E) anna.zimmer@ymcamn.org
(P) 651-739-6599



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Zoom: join with computer,
tablet, or smartphone
without leaving home



Raising a Thinking Child Class

Tuesdays: Feb 21-March 28

Two time options available

9:00-10:15 a.m. or

6:00-7:15 p.m.

Who should attend:

**Parent, caregivers, educators and
childcare providers of children ages 4-7**

Cost: FREE

12 hours Registry Credit available for \$50.00

Registration Deadline: February 14 Register online @ <https://bit.ly/TriCtyRTC>

This evidence-based workshop series will help you guide children to solve common, everyday problems with decision making and communication skills using their thinking brain. It is a refreshingly practical curriculum that helps you help your child learn HOW to think, not what to think, as they learn to resolve their own problems.

Participants will learn:

- To give children skills to effectively solve their own problems
- Fun games to help children learn these problem solving skills and consider consequences
- How to help kids care about and understand their feelings and those of others

This program is Facilitated Missy Bablick Human Development & Relationship Educators with UW Madison Division of Extension, Barron County. For questions or to register via phone call Missy at 715-537-6254



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