



# COMMUNICATOR

## **New Attendance Policy**

You've asked the question and 4-H has the answers and hopefully I can help even more with how it will impact St. Croix County 4-H! The question is...

### **What's up with this "New Attendance Policy?"**

Wisconsin 4-H now has an attendance Policy, that will have an official start date of September 1st. However, many SC 4-H Clubs/Committees have already started. Please take the time to read the policy and I will try to clarify some of the questions I have already received.

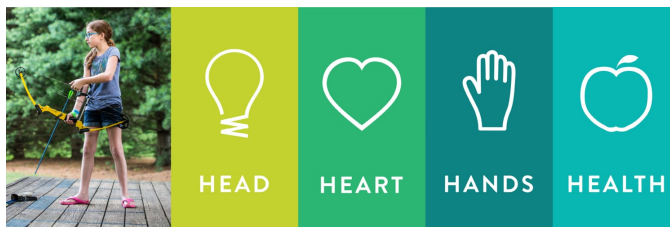
#### Attendance

4-H Club and Group meetings, committee meetings, project meetings, community service activities and recreational events can **ONLY** be attended by 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, parents and/or an adult who is responsible for the member. This policy would not preclude members of the general public from connecting with the club or group in a limited short-term capacity (i.e. customers of a 4-H Club's bake sale table at a local venue or event, or members of the public at a bowling alley during a 4-H Club's recreation event.)

As a best practice, attendance should be taken at all 4-H Club and Group meetings, committee meetings, project meetings, community service activities and recreational events. Attendance will record the names of **ALL** individuals in the space. It is also best practice to forward attendance lists, along with meeting minutes, to the county 4-H Program Educator.

You can find this policy and other membership policies at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/membership-and-participation-policies/>



As a best practice, attendance needs be taken at St. Croix County 4-H Club/Committee activities such as, club/committee/project meetings, community service events, recreational events, and fundraisers (not patrons of the fundraiser, just the participants, parents, youth, volunteers, etc.). Attendance will record the names of **ALL** individuals in the space.

There will be a google folder set up for each Club/Committee for Attendance lists (with examples) and club/committee meeting minutes folder as well. As a Club/Committee Leaders please be looking for a link being sent to you via email before Sept. 1st. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any individual questions.

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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

# CALENDAR

## August

- 3-13 Wisconsin State Fair
- 7 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 9 Cloverbud Camp
- 10 4-H Financial Fun Night
- 12 Farm City Day
- 15 Annual 4-H Financial Charters Due
- 15 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 18 Alumni Softball Tournament
- 21 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 22 Leader's Association Meeting
- 27 Western District Gymkhana Horse Show
- 24-Sept 4 Minnesota State Fair



## September

- 4 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 5 4-H Re-enrollment Opens in 4-HOnline
- 6 Club Award Packets Due
- 9-10 State 4-H Gymkhana
- 15-15 State 4-H Horse Expo
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting (tentative)



## October

- 1- 7 National 4-H Week
- 2 Horse Project Year-end Banquet/Annual Meeting
- 16 4-H Charters Due to UW-Extension Office





# CLOVERBUD CAMP

Around the World in 80 Days



Up next...Under the Sea



# ST CROIX COUNTY FAIR

## Day Care Day



## 4-H'ers at the Fair





# Congratulations



Recognition was given to the  
2023 4-H Scholarship  
Recipients at the St. Croix  
County Fair

**David Thompson**, Lone  
Pine (St. Croix County 4-H  
Educational Scholarship),  
**Amalia Draxler**,  
Bellringers (Tom Dorsey  
Scholarship), **Amelia  
Dittman**, Riverside (St.  
Croix County 4-H  
Educational Scholarship),  
**Sophia Kamm**, Baldwin  
Wide Awake (St. Croix  
County 4-H Educational  
Scholarship & Kaila Fouks  
4-H Memorial Scholarship),  
**Tatum Timm**, Oakland  
Ramblers (St. Croix County  
4-H Educational  
Scholarship)

# Thank you!

The 4-H Food Stand Committee would like to thank the clubs that worked in the food stand.

Dry Run Go Getters, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Baldwin Wide Awake, Bellringers, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Riverside, Lone Pine, Harmony Hill, North Country, Springbrook, Tri River Voyagers, Glen Hills Climbers, Rolling Hills, and Double Good

We had a very successful year, we ran out of just about everything by Sunday. The clubs that came to clean, you are very much appreciated!

A big shout out to NorLake for the compressor/condenser they donated for our freezer. It saved the 4-H program thousands of dollars.

We will be meeting at the end of August and your checks will be mailed at that time.

If you are interested in joining our committee, please email the 4-H office or  
[dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com](mailto:dstevens.gstevens@gmail.com)



Heather and Alpha, Ashley, Abigail, Dennis and Mari, Steve, Beth, Tryn, Gary and Debbie

# CLUB INFORMATION

## 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for our new 4-H year opens **September 5, 2023!**

- ♦ All youth grades K—13th are welcome to enroll in St. Croix County 4-H.
- ♦ Enrollment will be open from Sept. 5—Nov. 1 for all current 4-H members.
- ♦ All members must enroll in at least one 4-H project.
- ♦ K—2nd graders are only eligible to enroll in the Cloverbud project
- ♦ 3rd grades may only take one animal project
- ♦ New members can enroll anytime.
- ♦ March 1 is the enrollment deadline to be eligible to show at the St. Croix County Fair under the 4-H name
- ♦ March 15 is the deadline to add/delete projects

To enroll go to [www.4HOnline.com](http://www.4HOnline.com) and log in to your account. Make sure you hit the submit button when you are finished.



## 4-H Record Books



Please contact your club leader regarding specific instructions for your club's record book requirements. If you are in need of record book pages please go to [https:// stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/record-book-pages/](https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/record-book-pages/) and print them off.

## Support St. Croix County 4-H by visiting Joe To Go in Hudson!

**Every Friday in August 10% of all sales plus any daily jar donations will be donated to support St. Croix County 4-H Clubs.**

Please join us and spread the word!





# Support 4-H



St. Croix County 4-H  
is having a fundraiser  
on Fridays during the  
month of August at  
Joe to Go Organic  
Coffee in Hudson

**LOCATION:** Joe to Go Organic Coffee, 1800 Coulee Rd, Hudson (just west of Target)

10% of all sales on Fridays in August plus any daily jar donations will be donated to support St. Croix County 4-H Clubs for educational programming. Please join us and help spread the word!

[www.joetogoorganic.com](http://www.joetogoorganic.com)

*Hours*  
*Mon-Friday 5:30am-3pm*  
*Saturday, 7am-1pm*



## **AmeriCorps Position: WI 4-H Expanding Access Capacity Builder, St. Croix County**



**AmeriCorps**

Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps programs aims to increase capacity of youth serving organizations in counties throughout Wisconsin. The members will work directly with community partnership in youth serving organizations to:

1. assess current offerings
2. identify opportunities to increase capacity
3. provide currently engaged youth with additional educational opportunities, reach new youth, and utilize new or existing volunteers in additional service to the organization.

Through an asset based approach, members will provide positive youth development opportunities. (see full flyer on next page)

To apply visit: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=119161>

**The Rodeo Food Stand Committee is looking for a few volunteers! The rodeo will take place on August 18th and 19th.**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori DeBoer at 715-491-0221. Thanks!**

### **NEWS TO SHARE??**

Do you have news to share in the St. Croix County 4-H Communicator? Write up a short article and we will put it in the next communicator. Share important dates and information for projects and events. Keep everyone informed on the happenings in 4-H!

Send your articles to Laura at [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

### **Come join us!**

Rolling Hills is looking for 4-Hers that would like to ride or walk with our float at the **North Hudson Pepper Fest Parade on August 19th, 2023.**

Parade line-up begins at 10:30 am. If you are interested, please RSVP via this link.

<https://forms.gle/J2og8VDmHHw6avRr6>



### **Pick up your Fair Project**

Where you unable to pick up your entered fair project after the completion of the 2023 St. Croix County Fair? No problem!

Those families were notified by email that their projects are available for pick up at the St. Croix County Extension office.

Please come between 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday to pick up your project.

We will hold on to the project a few more weeks!







# MAKE AN IMPACT BY SERVING THROUGH AMERICORPS AND 4-H!

## WHO IS AMERICORPS?

AMERICORPS IS A NATIONAL AGENCY  
THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO  
VOLUNTEER WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES,  
NO MATTER THEIR BACKGROUND.

### Growing Capacity

Members will gain valuable experience and make an impact on our community by developing and implementing programs in after school and library settings to reach new audiences.

### Expanding Access

As a part of AmeriCorps, members will work in with 4-H to recruit volunteers and build partnerships with county organizations to increase program participation and reach.

### Building Sustainability

Through programming efforts and relationships built, your impact will continue on through sustainable youth serving opportunities.

### Program Benefits :

Monthly Living Allowance and Education award upon successful completion of 1200 hours of service (24 hours weekly)

### Qualifications :

Must be at least 18 years of age with a GED or equivalent, and the ability to work with Community Organizations, Teams, Youth Development, Social Services, Computers/Technology

### Questions?

For Polk County, contact Lindsay Spindler at [lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu](mailto:lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu)  
For St. Croix County, contact Sky Holt at [sky.holt@wisc.edu](mailto:sky.holt@wisc.edu)

Polk



Positions available in both  
Polk and St. Croix County!  
Scan the QR codes to apply  
now! Open through July 21st.

St. Croix



# LEADER NEWS

## St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday,  
August 22 @ 7:00pm

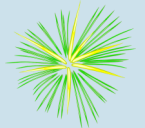
UW-Extension  
Office or  
via ZOOM



Agenda will be  
sent out prior to the meeting.

## 4-H Financial Fun Night

Want to get all your annual paperwork done in one night? Join our Charter Financial Party on Thursday **August 10 at 6:00pm** at the UW-Extension Office.



Join friends, have some pizza, complete your charter forms, and get your finances audited. The more people we have the faster it will go.

Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/HkU8XAdsV4QfFNia7>, so we know how much pizza to order.

## 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. Please fill out this form to request insurance: <https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8>

## Volunteers in Preparation

This training is:

- Required for all new UW-Madison volunteer
  - About 1.5 – 2 hours in length
  - Conducted locally; check with a county staff member on training dates
- Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) is an interactive training program that includes:
- Overview of Extension
  - Volunteer roles and responsibilities
  - Best practices when working with youth
  - Resources available to you

Upcoming Trainings found here:  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/volunteers-in-preparation/>



## Leader Re-Enrollment - Updates for the Fall of 2023

All re-enrolling 4-H volunteer leaders will need to comply with the following training requirements:

- Annually sign the 4-H Volunteer Expectations Form (part of re-enrollment through 4-HOnline)
- Federal background check (every 4 years) sent from HireRight.
- Mandated Reporter Training (Required at start of volunteer service, taken through 4H Online, no refresher required)
- Updated Title IX Training includes 2 modules that are incorporated into the Building Safe Spaces training.
- Building Safe Spaces (Volunteers who work with youth are required to take initial training, and then participate in refreshers every 2 years)
- Supporting Youth Mental Health Training (Volunteers who serve as overnight chaperones/adult advisors or custodial car roles are required to take the complete training once, then refreshers every 2 years)
- Volunteers in Preparation VIP (Volunteers take this training one time, unless a break in service of 4 years or more)
- Shooting Sports Training (requirement for any volunteer wishing to assist with the shooting sports program)



## **2022-2023 4-H Club Award Packets**

Club award packets will be sent out to club leaders (via email) soon. If you would like this mailed to you, please contact Laura ASAP. Once you receive the packet, please take a minute to review it, as some of the awards have changed. The awards committee has been working hard to simplify this application process in the hopes that more clubs apply for county awards.

All club award packets are due to Laura (email or snail mail) by September 6. Awards will be ordered and delivered to clubs in October. If you have questions on anything related to the Club Award Packet, please contact Laura, 715-531-1930 or [laura.hinz@wisc.edu](mailto:laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

### **St. Croix County Fairgrounds Use Request Form**

If you club or group would like to use the fair grounds please fill out this form and it will initiate the process to start. Once receive you will be contact by Sky or Gail around the use of the grounds.

Use this form to request the fairgrounds for 4-H use: <https://forms.gle/59Yz3G4bhFnwytJY6>



### **Annual Charter Financials**

In addition to the Charter document, you will need to complete the annual financial paperwork. This needs to be completed and turned into the Extension Office by **August 15**. Please let Sky know if you have any questions. In addition to these forms you will also need to turn in:

- copies of all bank statements (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)
- copies of check book registers / Excel forms (whatever format you keep your books in)
- updated inventory list (if you have any additions from the prior year)
- If you have an annual income over \$20,000 you will also need to turn in your monthly treasurers' reports

## **2023-2024 4-H Charters**

The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the 4-H Charter Application provides:

- Documentation of educational activities of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members
- Program impact evaluation and educational planning
- Documentation of compliance by 4-H Clubs and Groups with EEO, ADA guidelines, and Civil Rights laws.

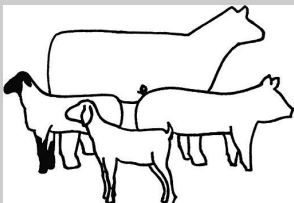
Wisconsin 4-H Club and Group Charter Application will be posted August 1 and must be completed online by November 1.

Access Application: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/wisconsin-4h-annual-charter-application/>



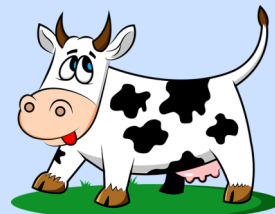
## **Livestock Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, August 15  
@ 7:00 pm  
St. Croix County Fair  
Grounds - Scale House



## **Dairy Committee Meeting**

Monday August 21, 2023 at 7 pm  
@ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin



## **SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Alumni softball tournament: August 18th with a 6:00 start time, bring a dish to pass

Contact Gina Schneider at 715-965-0782 to sign up your team



## **Horse Project News**

### **Upcoming 2023 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center**

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

- Monday Aug 7th

### **Special Events -**

- 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](mailto:stcroixcountyhorseproject@gmail.com)

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

### **2023 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI**

Date: September 16, 2023

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Information: Registration deadline is September 8, 2023. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Mv8SqkXxkS4fhLLr7>

Payment will be done through the Brown County Extension webpage – information about payment will be included after you fill out the registration form above.

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449





# FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

## Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

News:

1. **The Tiffany Creek Shelter, a solid concrete building housing ADA compliant toilets and showers will be up for the 2024 Fair!!!!**
2. Its official, the 2023 Maytober Sale will again be hosted as an online auction by Smith Auctions, the close date is November 1st at 6p.m. **A special thank you to Jody Close, Smith Auctions!**
3. Wanted – 4-H clubs who can use some extra financial support for their projects, see details below.
4. We have launched two 50:50 Raffles – see details below.

**Maytober Donations & Bidding information:** Maytober is truly a “soup to nuts” auction conducted by Smith Auctions with the seller’s fee donated – if it sells for a \$1.00 Friends receives a \$1.00. We need help on two fronts: 1. Donations of literally anything that has value & 2. Willing bidders. To register to bid, simply go to the Smith Auctions web site and follow the instructions. If you have anything to donate, please contact Chris Libbey (651) 247-0395 or Terry Mitchell (715) 619-0442. Donations of used ag equipment are great; for large items, we are also open to consignment. **Proceeds will be used towards the Tiffany Creek Shelter.**

**Club Development Grants:** Friends has a budget of \$1,000 to support Club Development Grants. Grants can be used for literally any project that helps the clubs thrive; service projects to recreation. We are accepting applications through the end of September. Our goal is to help enrich programming for the 2023-2024 Club Year. Contact Steve Smart at [desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:desscs51@baldwin-telecom.net) to receive an application.

### Raffle Details:

- 50:50 Cash Raffle #1
- Limited to 100 chances
- \$100/chance
- One prize of up to \$5,000, if all 100 chances are sold

- 50:50 Cash Raffle #2
- Limited to 100 chances
- \$20/chance
- One prize of up to \$1,000, if all 100 chances are sold
- **Sold out – thank you!!**

- Drawings to be at the conclusion of the Saturday night performance of the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo
- Ticket sales to be handled by the Friends Board **Call (651) 247-0395 for direction to your nearest Board Member**

We need to continue to be creative in our fund raising efforts. 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

**See you at the Rodeo!**





## National 4-H Congress Registration Open!

National 4-H Congress registration is now open! Delegates will travel to Atlanta November 24th -28th. Youth in grades 9-12 are able to participate. The event is a way for members to connect with others from around the country, including Canada and Puerto Rico! While at Congress, members will engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Learn More Here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/07/17/national-4-h-congress-registration-now-open/> Deadline August 5 in 4H Online.

## Wisconsin Beef Council and Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Kick Off the 2023 Beef Promotion Contest

The Wisconsin Beef Council and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up this summer to create a contest for all of the 4-H clubs in state! The goal of the contest is to courage 4-H members in the beef project to create an informative and visually appealing display that will educate consumers attending fairs or other events throughout the summer. Entries will be submitted by 4-H clubs, and are limited to one per club. Learn About the Contest Here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2023/07/10/wisconsin-beef-council-and-wisconsin-4-h-foundation-kick-off-the-2023-beef-promotion-contest/>





# OTHER NEWS



## St. Croix County farm city day

**Saturday, August 12, 2023, 10 am – 2 pm**

**FREE Lunch Served**



**Croes Udder Dairy  
The Croes Family**

Parking Located at:

**1910 220<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**Deer Park, WI**

Check us out at:

**[www.sccfarmcityday.com](http://www.sccfarmcityday.com)**

or on 

**Everyone Welcome!**

Service Animals Welcome

### Directions:

From Stillwater MN on MN 36:  
Cross St. Croix River Bridge into  
Wisconsin to WI State Hwy. 64.  
Follow Hwy. 64 through New  
Richmond WI. to St. Croix County  
Road "T". Turn north (left) on "T" to  
220th Ave. Turn east (right) on  
220th Ave to Parking Area.  
(watch for signs)

### Events:

- Guided Farm Tours
- Petting Barnyard
- Exhibits and Displays
- Farm Machinery Display
- Family Event
- On Farm Lunch



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The University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.

### St. Croix County 4-H

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