St. Croix County 4-H

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The Wisconsin 4-H Movement

Hi Everyone! I'm Chris Clover and I hope you are excited about 4-H and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement! Check out all of the information I have for you on this page. You will find topics and resources important to YOU and others in 4-H. You will find



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information about the Wisconsin 4-H Movement, and you can view all of the materials we have for YOU to use! Have fun!

The 4-H movement is committed to providing youth development opportunities and promoting positive change for young people. Together we can make the best, better.

- **Resources** Check out the ready to use resources
- Contests Current Challenges and Past Entries
- Activities Club activities to try
- More!

Learn about what's important to WI youth and families!

To promote Wisconsin 4-H and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement, please check out the editable and ready to use resources provided for you! The 4-H Movement Resources can be found and downloaded from the following site: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/the-movement/</u>

Office Hours:

The Extension office will be open Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:30. Please email or call Laura if you need assistance. Email: <u>laura.hinz@wisc.edu</u> or leave message: 715-531-1937

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<u>4-H Pledge</u>

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



December

- 1 Enrollment Deadline for Beef Projects
- 2 Beef Weigh-in
- 5 St Croix County Youth Horse Unmounted Clinic
- 7 Dog Project Committee Meeting
- 12 Cloverbuds at Home Supply Pick Up
- 12 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 19 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 25 UWEX Office Closed HOLIDAY
- 29 Deadline to Cash Premium Checks

January

- 1 UWEX Office Closed HOLIDAY
- 9 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 15 UWEX Office Closed HOLIDAY
- 16 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 16 Leaders Association Meeting
- 19 Camp Counselor Application Deadline
- 21 SCC 4-H Leader's Training

February

- 8 Fair Board Meeting
- 12 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 20 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 24 Clover College





CLUB INFORMATION

2024 Summer Camp Counselor's Needed!

CAMP DATES: JUNE 12-14, 2024

Do you enjoy working with younger members in 4-H? Have you had experience planning activities for younger members? Have you worked with other members your age to organize group activities? If you answered yes to any of these questions, think about applying to be a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor. Serving as a 4-H Camp Counselor is one of the most fun leadership development opportunities you can be part of. Counselors (youth grades 8-12) will make up a team from three different counties and focus their skills to develop a great 2024 summer camp program for youth.

Please complete applications by January 19 at <u>https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3</u> or paper application below found here: <u>https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/</u> <u>files/2023/12/Camp-Counselor-Application.docx-1.pdf</u>

2024 4-H Clover College SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 24, 2024 Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI

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

2024 Clover College Workshops Needed

We are gearing up for another exciting 4-H year. The 2024 4-H Clover College is planned for February, and we need your help!

We are in need of adults and youth who would be willing to teach a 4-H project related workshop. Topics can be pretty much anything that K-5th graders would find fun to learn about. Youth will spend the day rotating between workshops.

Our goal is to have youth learn a little bit about the project and go home with more information about 4-H and a number of completed fair projects. To register to host a workshop please go to: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> JxQsrk7HYHWgjPwT9







Using the 4-H Name and Emblem

The 4-H Name & Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. As such, it has been granted a very unique and special status; it is in the category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic Emblem. This federal protection makes it a mark into and of itself with protection that supersedes the limited authorities of both a trademark and a copyright. As a result, responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H Name & Emblem were not given to the US.

2024 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Thinking about taking a trip in 2024? Just a reminder to members attending 4-H trips - the Leaders Association offers trip scholarships for eligible applicants to help cover some of the cost of the trip.

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

Deadlines -

• For trips scheduled in February 2024-June 30, 2024, application deadline is no later than **Friday**, **April 5, 2024** at 5:00pm.

Find the 2023-24 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet Here: <u>https://</u> <u>indd.adobe.com/view/80783fab-</u> <u>dd3a-4773-88b9-f90f9775871b</u>



Premium Checks

2023 County Fair Premium checks were included in the club awards packets. Please make every effort to cash these premium check before the <u>end of</u> <u>December</u>. Thanks!



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

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Hello St. Croix County 4-H,

Many of you as leaders and your club members are looking forward to service opportunities this holiday season. Some clubs have opportunities they have been doing for years and other are looking for new opportunities. Here is a list from 211 St. Croix Valley of Organizations that have holiday giving programs that may be of interest to your club.

Visit our website to see a list of opportunities: <u>https://</u> stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-event-calendar-2/







VOLUNTEER AND LEADER ENROLLMENT

There have been a couple of questions about volunteering/enrollment and voting. I think it is easiest to put it simply. If you are not an accepted enrolled member on 4honline you are not an approved 4-H member or volunteer in St. Croix County 4-H. Only accepted enrolled youth and volunteers are able to vote, hold officer positions and oversee 4-H events.

For example, if Sky was an accepted enrolled volunteer last 4-H year and wants to continue this year. She would like to vote at tonight's meeting. However, she forgot to re-enroll on 4honline this year. Can she vote? The answer is no. She is not active volunteer, Sky is a previous year volunteer. How can Sky make sure has the ability to vote?

All 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a <u>staff member</u> or an <u>approved 4-H volunteer</u>, 18 years of age or older, who has completed all the following steps:

- Step 1: Enroll in 4-H Online including agreeing to the Division of Extension Volunteer Behavior Expectations.
- Step 2: Complete Criminal Background Check* (information will be sent via email to all new potential volunteers once a person has enrolled)
- Step 3: Complete Volunteer Training Modules:
 - Module 1: Complete Division of Extension Volunteers In Preparation (VIP) Training: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/volunteers-inpreparation/

Module 2: Complete Division of Extension Building Safe Spaces

Module 3: Complete Division of Extension Supporting You, Supporting Youth

Module 4 Complete UW System Mandated Reporter Training: <u>https://media.wcwpds.wisc.edu/</u> mandatedreporter/

Module 5: Background check Module 6: (for chaperones only): Volunteers serving as a chaperone will need to also complete the Supporting Youth Mental Health Training: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-</u> resources/training-for-volunteers/supporting-ymh/

*A background records check for arrest and conviction records will be completed every four years for continuing 4-H volunteer leader

<u>Please remember that you are not able to hold 4-H meetings or events until you are an accepted 4-H volunteer.</u>

<u>4-H Event Insurance</u>

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: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8</u>



If your 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 contacted by Sky or Gail around the use of the grounds.



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



St. Croix County Youth Horse Project

What: Unmounted ClinicWhen: Tuesday, December 5th 6 - 7:30 pmWhere: UW Madison Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave, Baldwin



Dog Project Committee

Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 7 @ 7:00 PM UW Extension Office





Livestock Committee <u>News</u>

Rules Meetings: Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 9 @ 6:30 pm

All at the UW Extension Office, Baldwin

No Committee Meeting this month!

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Zoom link: https://go.wisc.edu/xc9heu Contact Lindsay for more details at lindsay.spindler@wisc.edu Interested in contributing your ideas to the 2024 Interstate Livestock Show? Join our Zoom Meeting on February 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. We are looking for both youth and adult voice to shape this year's show! Zoom link: <u>https://</u> go.wisc.edu/xc9heu

Contact Lindsey Spindler for more details at <u>lindsay.spindler@wisc.e</u> du

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY:

One of St. Croix Counties amazing 4-H volunteers has decided to take a step back from some of their volunteering roles. They have worked hard to support 4-H youth in the **Foods and Nutrition Project** and have left the project ready and waiting for new leadership. Does this sound like it is right in your wheel house, if so please reach out for more information to <u>laura.hinz@wisc.edu</u> or <u>sky.holt@wisc.edu</u>



DATCP Asks Poultry Owners to Maintain Strong Biosecurity

The fall migration of wild birds is underway and will bring an increased risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to domestic poultry flocks. There have been recent detections of HPAI in poultry in several states, including South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa and others. During this time of increased HPAI risk, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) recommends that poultry owners continue using the strongest biosecurity measures to protect their birds.

The best way to protect flocks from infection is through biosecurity practices that prevent virus introduction. All poultry owners — regardless of the size of the operation — must ensure that strict biosecurity practices are in place to prevent HPAI from infecting flocks. DATCP encourages all poultry producers to review and update their biosecurity plans. Those who do not have a biosecurity plan should work with their flock veterinarian to develop one that clearly addresses the risks for disease introduction specific to their operations. Biosecurity guides and other resources are available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Defend the Flock Program: <a href="https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/defend-th



State law requires Wisconsin poultry and other livestock owners to register where their animals are kept. DATCP uses this information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Registration is free and can be completed at <u>https://wiid.org/</u> or by calling the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at (888) 808-1910.

Poultry owners who recognize any abnormal increase in mortality or clinical signs of disease, including respiratory distress, drop in food or water intake, decreased egg production, and lethargy are asked to report it to DATCP at (800) 572-8981.

Please visit <u>https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs</u> Services/HPAIWisconsin.aspx for regular updates on HPAI in Wisconsin and resources for poultry owners. More information on HPAI, prevention strategies and biosecurity is available here:

- https://www.uspoultry.org/programs/poultry-health/biosecurity/self-assessment/ah-checklist.cfm
- <u>https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/disease/Avianinfluenza</u>
- <u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/influenza/avian.htm</u>

For your 4-H Information

New for 2024 Fair. All youth wanting to exhibit an animal projects must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) to show animals at the St. Croix County Fair. <u>All animals except</u>: Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Mink, Opossums, Dogs and Cats. For more information or to complete YQCA please use this link: https://yqcaprogram.org/



Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Applications Due: February 1

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



Applications can be found online at <u>https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/12/Heritage-Calf-2024.pdf</u> and are due February 1, 2024. All applications should be emailed to Mary Luckwaldt at <u>luckwaldt123@yahoo.com</u>.

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

James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award

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

Applications due February 1. Applications can be found on the Extension Website: <u>https:// stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/</u> <u>files/2023/12/2024-Crowley-</u> Application-Essay-Questions.pdf

Please forward completed application to Mary Luckwaldt at <u>luckwaldt123@yahoo.com</u>



James W. Crowley 4–H Dairy Leadership Award

Dairy Committee

Committee Meeting: Monday, February 12 at 7 pm @ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin



ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

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THANKFUL! On behalf of the SCCF Board we want to THANK YOU for your participation and contributions that make the St. Croix County Fair one of the greatest Fairs in the State of Wisconsin. Be sure to mark your calendars for July 17-21, 2024 for "All Roads Lead to the Fair" and start making plans for all the exhibits you will be entering at the fair.

Help Wanted. The Fair is currently looking for people to fill the following positions and roles for the fair. If interested, please contact Gail Maier for more information at stcroixcofair@gmail.com.

Grounds Supervisor: mowing, trimming and equipment maintenance.

Grounds Flower and Plant Supervisor

Open Class Department Superintendents:

Flowers & Houseplants

Clothing

Natural Sciences

Woodworking

Junior Fair:

Youth Exhibit Building Superintendents

Coordinators/Superintendents for all Junior Fair Departments

Fair Board Meetings. Generally held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting for the Fair Board will be February 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. The Annual meeting with the election of Directors and Officers will be followed by the monthly business meeting.

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!



FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Friends extend best wishes for the best Holiday Season possible and for a great 2024!

As we view 2023 in the rearview mirror, 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 – closing in on being able to make a \$50,000 grant towards the Tiffany Creek Shelter. We also continued with Club Development Grants and partial funding of the Heritage Calf Project.

Great news:

- 1. The Tiffany Creek Shelter is right on track thanks to the hard work of the committee led by Dean LeMay At this writing the foundation is complete and the sewer nearly complete. The modular building manufactured by Huffcutt is scheduled to be completed and set in place this winter.
- 2. We recently received a very nice donation from the Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H Club!!
- 3. Our relationship with Jody Close, Smith Auctions remains strong a big thank you to Jody for his continued support!

Looking ahead to 2024, we anticipate a record setting year due to the universal appeal of up to date, ADA compliant shower and toilet facilities coupled with a storm resistant building. Based on FEMA standards of 5 square feet per individual, the building will provide storm protection for 200 plus people, a big plus for those staying overnight on the Fairgrounds.

Please keep tuned as Friends works through our fund raising plan for 2024. 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



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL 4-H!

Did you know that monies can be directly donated to our St. Croix County 4-H Program. Through the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation you can donate directly to Support St. Croix County 4-H. Share this information with any and all 4-H Supporters! Go to the Extension St. Croix County Website: <u>https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-resources/</u>





You can help grow 4-H

Nearly 150,000 Wisconsin youth are learning and growing through the wide variety of 4-H programs that receive funding from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Go to our county support page to learn more about 4-H in the county and how you can get involved.

100% of the funds donated through our county web page goes to support our county 4-H program. You can make a difference!

Visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org to connect with OUR county



4-H Family Night with the WI Herd

You're invited to join us for the annual Wisconsin 4-H Family Night with the WI Herd! The event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3rd** to take place at the Oshkosh Arena at 7pm. Youth who attend will be able to participate in the following:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-game watch (sitting courtside and receiving autographs from the players)
- Jockey High-Five Tunnel (kids will receive a free shirt and welcome the players onto the court when they are announced.

Tickets are available for purchase now here: <u>https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/</u> <u>Wisconsin4h</u> This a fun, family friendly event! You can go with your family, bring friends along, or attend with your 4-H Club. Anyone in 4-H around Wisconsin are invited to join, and we cannot wait to see you there. Make sure you visit the 4-H table before the game to say hi!

If you have questions, reach out to Carlea Liermann, Calumet County 4-H Educator at <u>carlea.liermann@wisc.edu</u>.

Cooking with Meat Project Box

Do you want to learn more about cooking with meat from one of the following market animal projects: beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, or rabbit?

Calumet County 4-H and the Distance Learning Team brings you the opportunity to participate in the Cooking with Meat Project Box. By participating in this distance learning project, youth will learn the following:

- The safe way to cook, store, freeze and thaw meat of the different project species.
- How to find the correct internal temperature of the cuts of meat.
- Try different recipes, helping them learn different ways to flavor and cook meat.

We encourage youth to learn to cook with the animal species they may be raising, but also to try others to learn some differences and other skills. There will be a Zoom meeting hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Livestock Specialist, to lead youth through a cooking lesson, using the information in the Cooking with Meat box.

Youth participants will also have access to a Google website where copies of the handouts will be available,

the recording will be posted, and for them to engage with other youth from around the state to share what they cook. This box will have some delicious recipes to help you learn some valuable life skills, so don't miss out on this scrumptious opportunity! Boxes will be picked up from your local county extension office. Registration closes on December 15th.

Register by clicking box below:

Included in the box:

- meat probe
- cutting board
- bamboo skewers
- internal temp magnet
- cooking with meat book
- Access to virtual cooking session in Jan or Feb 2024

Thank you to Conteva AgriScience and the WI 4-H Foundation for helping to provide funds for this opportunity for youth. Also, a special thank you to the WI Beef Council and the WI Pork Association for assisting with dissemination of information for the purpose of this project box.

Cooking with Meat **Project Box** Information you should know: • Grades 3 & Up can participate • All youth in all counties are eligible to participate · Kits will be sent to county offices for distribution first week of January please keep this in mind before ordering a box What's Included: meat probe cutting board bamboo skewers internal temp magnet cooking with meat book Register open unti December 15th:

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An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title II he Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 50 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H civic engagement experience for high school youth. For seven days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions and hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens as they learn the skills needed to lead in their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future. Learn more at <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/.</u>

CWF is hosted in Washington, DC and is scheduled for June 15-22 2024. Interested applicants need to complete the following tasks:

Complete the CWF application via 4honline by January 2, 2024

Submit a \$500 deposit by January 15, 2024

Work with your local 4-H county/ tribal program to learn about local scholarship opportunities + make a fundraising plan for the remaining balance

The full cost of this experience is estimated at \$2500 per person, which includes: Airfare from Wisconsin to Washington, DC (exact airport(s) TBD); Seven nights of room & board at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda; Most meals; DC-area transportation, site visits, and program materials.



This experience typically fills quickly; don't wait to apply!



2024 Arts Promotion Application

Calling all artists, creators and performers! We'd love to see what YOU do best. Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. We're looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists as well as visual artists and creators of all kinds. Enter today to showcase your unique talent on this national stage! Applications from students ages 14-19 accepted November 13th through January 1st.

https://4-h.org/story-submission/?

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Internship & Youth Pig Project Scholarship Program News Releases



Applications Due February 1st, 2024.

- 2024 WPA Internship Applications Being Accepted https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/12/Intern_Program_News_Release_11_09_23-1.pdf
- WPA Offers Youth Pig Project Scholarships
 <u>https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/12/Pig-Project-News-Release_11_09_23-1.pdf</u>

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodation must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of St. Croix County UW-Extension (715) 531-1930, 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002 at least 10 working days prior to the event. Individuals who need TDD/TTY access, can call 711 for relay assistance.

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.

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