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Dear 4-H Community,

The 4-H program is growing and thriving throughout Wisconsin because of the dedication of volunteers, partners, community advocates, staff, and families. In 2022–23, the program saw a statewide membership increase of 8.2 percent!

We are excited to present to you the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Impact Report. Within these pages, you'll be introduced to a tiny sliver of the breadth and depth of the Wisconsin 4-H program. From community clubs to the expanding classroom and after-school clubs of Wisconsin 4-H, more and more young people can see themselves as part of this growing and thriving program. Report found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/02/4-H-Report1-31-24.pdf>

Today, over 26,000 young people are exploring their passions, meeting new friends, and using their unique voices to make their clubs, community, country, and world a better place. The promise of 4-H is to provide all young people a place to belong, a chance to experience positive relationships with others, and an opportunity to explore their interests — something we call “sparks” in the 4-H world.

The opportunity of 4-H membership is for every single child. It is our obligation to make that possible and, together, we will.

With tremendous gratitude for you,



JESSICA J. JENS
Wisconsin 4-H State Program Leader
and Interim Positive Youth Development
Institute Director



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 &
Extension St Croix County WI

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Due to community work, trainings and meetings please call ahead to our office to ensure that someone will be here to support your needs. We don't want you to make unwanted or unnecessary trips.

CALENDAR

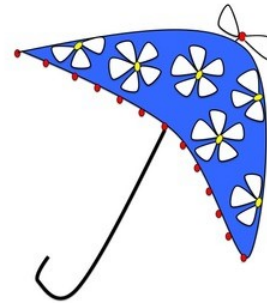
March

- 1 Enrollment Deadline to show at St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- 2 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 3 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 4 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 10 4-H Day @ Trollhaugen
- 10 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 11 Unmounted Jumping/Dressage clinic
- 12 Leaders Association Meeting
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 14 Fair Board Meeting
- 15 4-H Deadline to add/delete projects
- 16 Dog Project Showmanship Seminar
- 17 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 19 Synergy Cooperative Show Clinic
- 19 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 24 Dog Project Agility and Rally Training
- 30 UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farm



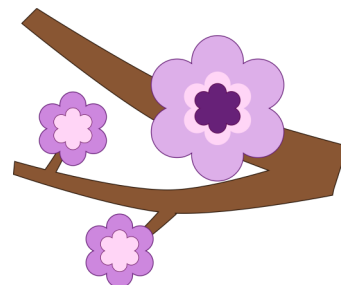
April

- 1 4 -H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- 1 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 4 & 7 Mandatory Dog Project Kick Off Meeting
- 7 Marketing Your Livestock Clinic
- 9 Dairy Judging Practice
- 13 UWRF & 4-H Ag Day
- 13 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 13 Beef Workshop
- 16 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 25 Dog obedience orientation for beginners



May

- 4 Monthly Horse Project Meeting
- 4 Swine Showmanship & Fitting Clinic
- 6 Horse Project Monthly Meeting
- 11 Shooting Sports Practice
- 27 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 31 Fair Entry Deadline



Clover College 2024

On Saturday, February 24th St. Croix County 4-H hosted 95 K - 5th grade youth from St. Croix and Polk Counties for Clover College at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI. It was a fun filled day with a variety of workshops for youth to explore different 4-H projects. Youth took home several completed fair projects.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the volunteers in all the project areas that make this event a great experience for the youth. Also a special thank you to Camp St. Croix for hosting the event! Here's just a few pictures from our day together.



CLUB INFORMATION

Attention 4-H High School Seniors 2024!!

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 2024 4-H Scholarships - Deadline for all applications is **Monday, April 1 at 5pm.**

Visit the Extension Website for more information and the applications: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>

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-awards/>



- **St. Croix County 4-H Educational Scholarship Application 2024** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- **St. Croix County 4-H TRADE Education Scholarship Application 2024** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-TRADE-Education-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- **Betty Utecht Forgivable Loan Application 2024 (for the field of nursing)** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Betty-Utecht-Forgivable-Loan-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>
- **Kaila Fouks 4-H Memorial Scholarship (pursuing a career in dairy science)** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/01/2024-Scholarship-Description-Application-2024.01.30.pdf>

Additional Scholarship found on our website: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>

The Bellringers 4-H club hosted the Sunnyside Shamrocks with games, prizes and fun during our February meetings. The club members got to know each other with a few rounds of bingo. Then we broke out into small groups to complete Lego challenges, make Valentine's cards for our friends and family, and play 4-H trivia.

Thank you Bellringers!



4-H Volunteer Highlights!

Do you know a 4-H volunteer that you'd like to highlight and appreciate? We'd love to shine a spotlight on them in an upcoming Volunteer Highlights feature on the Wisconsin 4-H social media channels!

Share the volunteer's information below and we'll reach out to them about being featured in a future post.



Thank you for helping us recognize our great 4-H volunteers! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlr27RvmLyxiN2XGqew97abp7Lcvaij0imnfd4rXda9NObvW/viewform>

Looking for Project Resources?

Remember the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection!

The Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. Most of the materials are for learning in the Animal Science project areas, but there are others.

Visit the PYD Media Collection website to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CDs, DVDs, and more. Project materials include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts.

It's easy for youth leaders and volunteers to request materials directly. Use the online form on the website. Check out process:

- Request materials online 10 business days before the date needed.
- The State 4-H Office will mail resources to the person who made the request at the address submitted.
- Materials must be returned by mail or in-person delivery by the date on request form.
- Return postage is the responsibility of the person who makes the request. Plan for how to pay for postage before requesting materials.

There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs, including 4-H project groups. To find out more visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/project-leader-resources/pyd-media-collection/>

Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377, with questions.



2024 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

LOCAL Application:

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** <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships-awards/>

Deadlines –

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

STATEWIDE application:

The 2024 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Educational Experiences Scholarship application is now posted **HERE:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/statewide-scholarships/>

SAVE THE DATE

UWRF and 4-H Ag Day

APRIL 13, 2024
9AM-12PM

Mann Valley Farm
129 S. Glover Road
River Falls, WI 54022



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St. Croix County 4-H and Baldwin Windmill Days
invites you to attend Family Night for a fun hands-on STEM activity.

Learn while having fun!

Thursday, June 6, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Bailey Park

Giveaway at 7:00 PM



stcroix.extension.wisc.edu | 1960 8th Avenue, Baldwin | 715-531-1930



What's Up with Your Club?

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



LEADER NEWS

VOLUNTEER TRAINING REMINDERS!

Just a reminder that according to Wisconsin 4-H policy – “All 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an approved 4-H volunteer, 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:

- **UW Madison Supporting You, Supporting Youth Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/supporting-you-supporting-youth/>
- **UW System Mandated Reporter Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/mandated-reporter-training-for-4-h-volunteers/>
- **Wisconsin 4-H Grow Green Volunteer Orientation:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/grow-green/>
- **Division of Extension Building Safe Spaces Training:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/building-safe-spaces/>

Until you have completed the steps, you are not considered an approved 4-H volunteer, and you are not covered by the liability coverage provided to volunteers of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension if an incident or injury occurs while you perform volunteer duties in 4-H.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS FROM ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

To request reimbursement of an expense your club or committee has incurred - please use this form <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/12/4-H-Request-Reimbursement-Form.pdf> found on the Extension website.

Return to the SCC 4-H Leaders Association

Email: scc4hleaders@gmail.com

Mail: 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140; Baldwin, WI 54002

Cultivating a Healthy Mind - Mental Wellness for Youth Train the Trainer March 12, 2024 3:00PM

Webinar from AgriSafe. Intended audience: teachers, Extensions staff, 4H and FFA leaders and others who work with young adults.

This module opens an introductory discussion of mental health among teens and young adults with guidance from an adult educator. Focus is placed on decreasing stigma, improving mental health literacy, and positive coping skills for teens and young adults. The module showcases a high school agricultural student's understanding of the agricultural mental health crisis, helping to frame mental health distress to academic and future career success.

Learn more & register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hy43Ec_jQmmfg9CytNYN3Q#/registration

St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

March 12 @ 6:30 PM

(please note new time going forward for all Leaders Association Meetings)

UW-Extension Office or via
ZOOM

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting

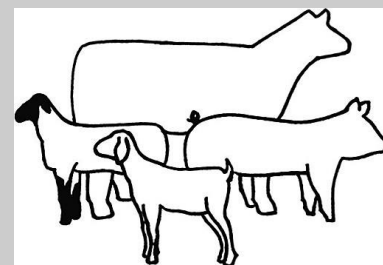


4-H Event Insurance

As you plan out your club calendar take note of those activities that may require additional insurance. This insurance will cover all participants (youth/adult, 4-H and non 4-H). The cost is \$0.30/person/day. Please fill out this form to request insurance: <https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8>



Livestock Committee News



- Remaining Initial Rules Meetings**
 Saturday, March 2 - 9:30 am at UW Extension Office, Baldwin
 Saturday, April 13 - 9:00 am at UW Extension Office, Baldwin
- Synergy Cooperative Show Clinic**
 Tuesday, March 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm UW Extension Office, Baldwin
 Must RSVP to Jennifer Caitlin at (715)357-3038 or John Bazille at (715) 684-9529 to attend; multi-species clinic
- UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farm**
 Saturday, March 30th at 12:00 pm (129 S Glove Road, River Falls)
 No need to RSVP but if you have any questions, please contact Megan Reinsberg or Lori DeBoer; sheep and goat clinic only
- Marketing Your Livestock Clinic**
Have you ever wondered how you could better market your livestock project? Are you looking for tips on promoting your animal (live, products, meat, etc.)?
 Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 pm (Cylon Rolling Acres 1956 240th St., Deer Park)
 Must RSVP to Lori DeBoer at lordeb651@gmail.com by April 5th to attend; multi-species clinic.
- Swine Showmanship & Fitting Clinic**
 Saturday, May 4th with a time to be determined (Baldwin-Woodville High School).
 Further information will be provided to swine exhibitors as soon as final details are verified; swine clinic only.

Next Livestock Committee Meeting: March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm
 Gregerson Hardware, Baldwin Please bring your own chair!

YQCA-Notice new 2024 Fair Requirement

All animals except: Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Mink, Opossums, Dogs and Cats

At the Feb. 8th SC Fair Board meeting, it was decided that **all youth MUST complete the YQCA process by 11:59pm on July 1, 2024 in order to exhibit an animal at the SC Fair (Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Mice, Mink, Opossums, Dogs and Cats DO NOT need to complete the YQCA process to exhibit at the SC Fair).**

Please have youth print their YQCA certificate and give to the superintendent of the Department they are exhibiting the animal in. If there are any questions about YQCA requirements for exhibiting at the St. Croix County Fair please contact the SC Fair Board.



St. Croix County Youth Horse Project

All Horse project parents and youth are welcome and encouraged!

Upcoming 2024 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

- Monday March 4th
- Monday, March 11th - Unmounted Jumping/Dressage clinic
- Monday April 1st
- Monday May 6st
- Monday June 3rd
- Monday July 1st
- Monday Aug 5th (project recap meeting)
- No Sept meeting
- Monday Oct 7th – 2024 Year-end banquet



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS:

St. Croix County Shooting Sports Exhibitors,

The dates to lock in for the four practices starting at **9 AM** include **May 11th & 25th and June 15th & 29th**. Remember that to be eligible to compete and have a recorded score, two practices must be completed prior to the competition date. **July 13th is the official competition date**, as in years past and instructor schedules permitting, we will allow exhibitors to compete on the last practice day assuming they have met their requirements. As always we are very fortunate to be able to hold these specialized events at the Willow River Rod and Gun Club (1041 WI-64, New Richmond, WI 54017).

Parents Meeting to sign up for TBD in April.

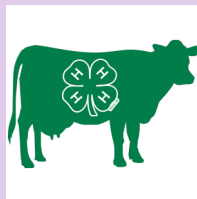
Thank You,
Questions Call Shawn Weyer at (715) 977-0184



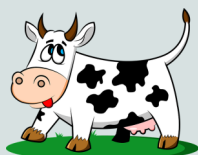
Attention all 4-H Members interested in Dairy Judging!

Our first **Dairy Judging Practice:**

Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm
Nova Holsteins
1710 190th Street, New Richmond, WI



This years contest will be on June 18th in Shawano County. Families should let Ellis Frank know if their members can attend this contest within the first few weeks of practice.



Dairy Committee

Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm
@ UW-Extension Office, Baldwin

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee have selected the following winners of the Heritage Calf..

Logan Kusilek of Lone Pine 4-H Club
Noah Schommer of Lone Pine 4-H Club
Kolton Utecht of Baldwin Wide Awake 4-H Club



REGISTERING YOUR LIVESTOCK PREMISES

Here are 5 reasons to register your ***livestock** premises:

- 1 IT'S THE LAW.** Premises registration is mandatory in Wisconsin, regardless of how many animals you own or how they are used.
- 2 IT'S FREE.** You will not be charged a fee for livestock registration.
- 3 IT'S EASY.** You can register online at wiid.org, by phone at 1 (888) 808-1910, or by using paper forms from DATCP or the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC).
- 4 IT PROTECTS YOU & YOUR ANIMALS.** Registration allows for owner notifications and faster traces during animal disease or animal-borne human disease outbreaks. Knowing where susceptible animals are kept helps control the disease more quickly.
- 5 IT'S CONFIDENTIAL.** Your information is not released unless laws require it to be made available. DATCP can only disclose information if necessary to prevent or control disease, or to protect public health.

Questions?



Email DATCP at datcpanimals@wisconsin.gov



Call DATCP: (608) 224-4872 or the WLIC: 1 (888) 808-1910



On the web: DATCP: datcp.wi.gov; WLIC: wiid.org.

*** Livestock** 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.

Registration exemption: Individuals with a sincerely held religious belief opposing registration of a livestock premises can seek an exemption under s. 95.51(2), Wis. Stats. The individual must complete an application and affidavit, signed before a notary public, and submit that application to DATCP. Only *individuals* can apply for a religious exemption, not companies. If the information provided in the affidavit cannot be verified, the application may be denied and premises registration requirements will apply.



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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SMALL FARM AND PET PIG OWNERS

7 WAYS

TO PROTECT PIGS FROM AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

If you own a small farm, homestead, or pet pigs, take these steps to fend off this highly contagious and deadly virus.



1

Limit On-Farm Traffic

The fewer people and vehicles on your property, the better. People cannot get African swine fever, but they can carry and spread it on clothing, shoes, and equipment.



2

Wear Clean Clothes and Shoes on Your Property

This practice will limit the chance of anyone spreading disease on your property via their clothing or shoes.



3

Ask Visitors About Recent International Travel

Don't let anyone who has been in an African swine fever-affected country onto your property for at least 5 days after returning to the United States.



4

Wash All On-Farm Equipment and Vehicles

The virus can stay on vehicles and equipment entering or leaving your property. Check with your veterinarian about specific cleaning and disinfection suggestions.



5

Prevent Contact Between Your Pigs and Wild Pigs

Feral swine can carry African swine fever and other diseases. Secure your pigs' pen. If wild hogs mix with your pigs, it could be deadly.



6

Store Feed Where Wildlife Cannot Access It

Don't let rodents or wildlife contaminate your feed. And don't feed your pigs garbage or let them eat trash. This is one way the disease can spread.



7

Don't Eat Near Animals

The virus can survive for months in pork and pork products and be a source of spread. Keep all outside food products away from your pigs.



Learn more protective measures to
fight the fever and protect your pigs.
www.aphis.usda.gov/ProtectOurPigs

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ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR

Fair Board Meetings. Generally held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting for the Fair Board will be March 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. Everyone welcome.

Did you know? In just a little over FOUR months, the best days of the summer will be here as we celebrate “All Roads Lead to the Fair” July 17-21. Now is the time to start thinking about what exhibits you will bring to the fair this year. A reminder that online entry will begin April 1 and close May 31.

Help Wanted. We are still looking for a Grounds Flower and Plant Supervisor, someone to take on the job of Grounds Beautification with numerous container displays that enhance the buildings and grounds.

Open Class Department Superintendents are needed for: **Flowers & Houseplants**

For **Junior Fair** Departments, a Fair Coordinator/Superintendent is needed for ALL departments and the two Youth Exhibit Buildings. Would you be available to help with set up and arranging these exhibit areas?

During the fair, Volunteers are needed to help with all exhibit areas, but especially to monitor the Youth Exhibit Buildings. Please consider donating some of your time to help promote these areas.

Please contact Gail Maier for more information at stcroixcofair@gmail.com.



FAIR ENTRY TO ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR - OPENS APRIL 1

To access FairEntry use the link on the Fair's website or <http://stcroixcofair.fairentry.com>. Use your 4-H online username and password to access your account. If you are having trouble, create a new fair entry account using the same username and password to get into the program. Your information should have integrated from 4-H online, if not simply add the required information--name, address, phone number, email address and parents name.

Entries are accepted April 1, 2024 to May 31, 2024--NO EXCEPTIONS AND NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Please find a step-by-step instruction guide to signing up for the St. Croix County Fair go to: <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/03/Fair-Entry-sign-up-instructions.pdf> A special thank you to Tammy Frank, Riverside Club Leader for this instructional resource!

- Pick the Department, then class and lots that you would like to enter.
- We do not need a payment from you so skip that page and the next page will ask you to check your entries.
- The last step is to submit, only after you are sure you have all your exhibits listed and everyone in your household that will be entering the fair has also picked their exhibits.
- There are no changes to your exhibit list after May 31st, unless it is an animal health issue which you will need to clear with your animal species department head.
- You will receive an email thanking you for registering for the fair. After your entries are approved by staff, you will receive a second email listing your exhibits. Forward that last email to your club leader so they can see that you have entered.
- Print that email so you have a paper copy of what you entered.**

Animal changes will be allowed after that date due to illness, by contacting your leader and the animal department leader. The Department leader will then contact Cindy to make the changes.

Call Cindy with any questions: 715-246-5486 or email cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

A tribute to Dick Sullwold: Dick a long term member and past president of the St. Croix County Fair board passed away February 14, 2024. It was Dick's leadership, vision and passion for all things Fair that ignited the planning and drove the creation of the Renovation for Generations Capital Fund Campaign. Dairy Barn #1, erected in 2011, was the first major project followed by construction of three more barns and now the Tiffany Creek Shelter. Dick truly made a difference for the Fair Community!

News:

1. 2024 is off to a great start with grants from St. Croix Electric Cooperative, 3M Employee Match and very nice memorial donation totaling \$11,500 – all to be used towards the Tiffany Creek Pavilion!
2. Additionally, as we exceeded our 2023 stretch goal of raising \$50,000 towards the Tiffany Creek Pavilion we are carrying a nice cushion into 2024

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 are complete. The modular building manufactured by Huffcutt was scheduled set in place during February, however, early road bans were imposed delaying installation until later in the spring.
2. 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 planning 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



2024 Summer Academy

Event: Summer Academy
Grades: 8-11
Location: UW-Madison
Dates: Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27, 2024
Registration: Registration will open March 1, 2024 via 4honline
Cost: The Summer Academy experience fee is \$450. Bussing will be offered again in 2024 and will cost \$50 round-trip regardless of pick-up/drop-off location.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER ACADEMY

June 24-27, 2024
UW-Madison's Campus

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8-11
 WITH LEADERSHIP
 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
 FOR 11TH GRADE +

REGISTRATION OPENS
Mar 1st, 2024

go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy



For more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy ... We can't wait to see you in Madison!



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

EMPOWERING VOICES: INNOVATIVE AND
INCLUSIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



DATE
July 11, 2024



LOCATION
Madison State College Truax
Campus
1701 Wright Street, Madison,
WI 53704
Truax Building, Room D1630



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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

**Give Now To Support
St. Croix County 4-H**

[https://
wis4hfoundation.org/st-
croix-county-4-h/](https://wis4hfoundation.org/st-croix-county-4-h/)

OTHER NEWS



DUE APRIL 15, 2024

2024 Essay Contest

**"WISCONSIN
AGRICULTURE
IS FRUIT-FULL"**



**WISCONSIN 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS
CREATE AN ORIGINAL ESSAY FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN!**

Explore what makes Wisconsin's sweetest agriculture
fruit-full for our state's history, economy, and future.
Prizes awarded at county, district and state levels.

**FULL CONTEST DETAILS, RULES, AND RESOURCES AT
[BIT.LY/WIAGESSAYCONTEST](https://bit.ly/wiagesaycontest)**

Sponsored by:





DUE APRIL 15, 2024

2024 Essay Contest

"WISCONSIN AGRICULTURE IS FRUIT-FULL"

CONTEST OVERVIEW

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest is an annual essay contest that challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest prompt explores Wisconsin history, geography, and economics through the lens of Wisconsin Agriculture. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies.

PRIZES

NEW THIS YEAR top 4th and 5th grade essays will be recognized at the district and state levels. District Winners receive commemorative medal and prize pack. State Winners receive additional commemorative plaque and prize awarded at a special ceremony with Wisconsin's Secretary of Agriculture.

RULES

- Contest is open to Wisconsin 4th and 5th grade students.
- Contest is limited to one essay entry per student.
- Maximum essay length is *400 words for grade 4, and *500 words for grade 5.
- Essays must be typed or handwritten in INK.
- Entries must include at least 3 documented references to support essay.
- All entries must be submitted by **April 15, 2024.
- All entries must include the Required Entry Information.
- Awards will be presented to top essays in each grade level at the county, district and state level.

* Maximum word lengths DO NOT include bibliography, captions or works cited.

**Entries may be submitted online or mailed directly to county essay coordinator.

RESOURCES

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the 2024 Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year, ***I Love Strawberries!***, by Shannon Anderson. This picture book is a fun way to introduce and engage students in the essay contest. More resources, lessons, and writing tools are available online.

Full contest details, rules, and resources at bit.ly/wiagessaycontest

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