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Welcome Nicole!

Hi, my name is Nicole Cash, and I am the interim 4-H educator for St. Croix County. I spent 10 years as a Minnesota 4-Her and currently serve on a diverse young alumni committee with other 4-H alumni across the nation. I've recently graduated from Northern Michigan University where I studied ecology, outdoor recreation management, and earth science. Out of the office you'll find me hiking, enjoying live music, or sipping some hot coffee. I'm excited to feed my midwestern roots and jump into the world of UW Extension!

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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."

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

January

- 1 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 12 Agility and Rally Training
- 14 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 16 Dog Project Committee Meeting
- 18 Livestock Rules Meeting
- 20 UWEX Office Closed - HOLIDAY
- 21 Cloverbud @ Home
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting



February

- 1 James W Crowley Dairy Leadership Award Due
- 1 Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Application Due
- 3 Dairy Committee Meeting
- 13 Fair Board Meeting
- 18 Cloverbud @ Home
- 22 Clover College



March

- 3 Enrollment Deadline to show at the St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H
- 18 Cloverbud @ Home
- 18 Leaders Association Meeting

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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.



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Club Information



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4-H CLOVER COLLEGE

Saturday, February 22
St. Croix Falls High School

Get ready for a day packed with fun, open to all young adventurers in grades K-5, whether you're a 4-H superstar or just curious! Dive into a smorgasbord of exciting workshops where you can tackle all sorts of 4-H projects. You'll leave with a treasure trove of knowledge and some awesome finished projects to show off at the fair!

Registration Now Open!

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

2025 Clover College

Registration OPEN!

Date: Saturday, February 22

Who: All youth K - 5th grade

Location: St. Croix Falls HS

Time: 9 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$20 / youth

Registration Deadline: Feb. 7, 2025

First Come First Serve – sessions fill up quick! No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

Registration form found on next page or website:

<https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/events/clover-college-2025/>

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

HELP NEEDED



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CLOVER COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with Clover College 2025. Adult and youth grades 8th grade and up are welcome. Positions include classroom helpers, hall monitors, general help. Lunch provided!

When: Saturday, February 22, 2025 (volunteers would report by 8:00 am until 2:30 pm)

Where: St. Croix Falls High School, St. Croix Falls, WI

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/HhpnLDUCSURN6gem6>



Clover College

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 9:00AM - 2:30PM
 St. Croix Falls High School 740 Maple Dr, St. Croix Falls, WI
 Open to all youth grades K-5th
 Registration begins at 8:30AM / Sessions at 9:00AM
 Registration Fee: \$20.00 / youth



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2025 Clover College Participant Registration

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade _____ Parent (s) name _____

Gender _____ 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

Please bring a bag lunch. Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per youth)

Check ___ Cash ___ Club Paying ___ Fee Waiver ___ (please email laura.hinz@wisc.edu)

Registration Deadline: **Feb. 7, 2025** No refund for cancellations will be issued after the deadline.

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

Return to: SCC 4-H, Attn: Clover College, 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.

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| ___ Barn Quilts for Beginners (K-5) | ___ Build a Wooden Hydraulic Table Lift (G 3-5) | ___ Cake Decorating for Beginners (K-5) |
| ___ Cardinal in Winter Painting Workshop (G 1-3) | ___ Enamel Jewelry (G 4-5) | ___ Eye Spy (K-5) |
| ___ Glass Etching (K-5) | ___ Henna Art (K-5) | ___ Hula Hoop Rugs (K-5) |
| ___ Laser Engraving Basics (K-5) | ___ Light Up Your Art! Paper Circuits for Kids (K-5) | ___ Making Gummy Candies (K-5) |
| ___ Making Tracks to Your Wild Side (K-5) | ___ Paper Quilt/Iris Folding Card Making (K-5) | ___ Planting a Propagated Houseplant (K-5) |
| ___ Puppet Workshop (K-5) | ___ Scrapbooking (K-5) | ___ Sewing - Pillow (K-2) |
| ___ Sewing - Soup Bowl Holder (G 3-5) | ___ Spring Time in the Woods (K-5) | ___ Stained Glass Candle Jars (G 3-5) |
| ___ Succulent Garden (K-5) | ___ Talk 'n Dogs (K-5) | ___ Woodworking – ___ Make Your Own Napkin Holder (K-2) ___ Serving Tray (G 3-5) |

Yes ___ No ___ I am available to help at Clover College 2025 (hall monitors, classroom assistants, etc.)

Name: _____

Clover College: Session Descriptions

Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Barn Quilts for Beginners (55 minutes)

Debbie Petzel

Have you ever wanted to create a beautiful barn quilt of your own? Join us as we learn some basic tips to creating a barn quilt and leave with a mini version to take home. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Build a Wooden Hydraulic Table Lift (55 minutes)

Matthew Logering

Learn the basics of hydraulics by constructing a wooden table lift using syringes, tubing, and wood. Participants will explore how hydraulic systems work and create a functional lift capable of raising and lowering a small platform. This hands-on project will demonstrate the power of fluid pressure and mechanical design in a practical application. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 10*

Cake Decorating for Beginners (55 minutes)

Sarah & Trish Carlson

Youth will see and learn cake decorating skills by piping lines and other shapes. Then, decorating some cookies to show off their new skills! *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Cardinal In Winter Painting Workshop (55 minutes)

Becky Olson

Learn how to create a Cardinal resting on a branch & paint its bright red color against a snowy background. *Grades 1-3 Class Limit: 12*

Enamel Jewelry (55 minutes)

Becky Olson

Join in the fun of creating your own jewelry! We will learn the technique of enameling. We will create our enameled metal and then add jewelry findings to create a piece of art that you can wear home. *Grades 4-5 Class Limit: 15*

Eye Spy (55 minutes)

Chad Lutsey

Learn age-appropriate photography tips, tricks, and Golden Rules to begin your journey into the wonderful world of the 4-H Photography Project. Please bring a camera if you have one. Not needed to participate. If you have a favorite picture you would like to share, please bring that along as well. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Glass Etching (55 minutes)

Jeanne and Jena Alling

Create a 4-H and/or winter themed design from provided designs for a chemical glass etched project. You help prep the design for etching, put it on your glass item(s), and watch the chemical be applied for a permanent design to appear. Designs and glass items will be provided. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Henna Art (55 minutes)

Cami Curtis / Ella Curtis

Participants will learn about the art of henna. Design and create a henna project. Everyone will receive a tube of henna so they can bring their art to life at home. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Hula Hoop Rugs (1 hr 55 min)

Jennie Bazille

Join the fun! Learn to make a small rug using a hula hoop and old t-shirts. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Laser Engraving Basics (55 minutes)

Payton Freund

Learn the basics of transforming wood and acrylic into a unique art masterpiece. In this hand-on workshop youth will learn about using a laser engraving machine and go home with their own creation. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 8*

Light Up Your Art! Paper Circuits for Kids (55 minutes)

Tyler Bohan

Students will learn how to create their own working light-up cards or pictures using simple materials like copper tape, LED lights, and batteries. Each student will choose from 2-3 fun designs and bring their creations to life with lights that glow. Youth will develop a basic understanding of electricity & circuits. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Making Gummy Candies (55 minutes)

Krissa Splittstoesser

Come learn how to make gummy candies--worms, bears, dinosaurs, and more! You'll be able to make your very own gummy candies. We'll have at least one dye-free option and will be using gelatin to make the gummies.

Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10

Making Tracks to your Wild Side (55 minutes)

Stacey Lutsey

You will have the opportunity to decorate a towel with your favorite animal tracks while learning fun facts about ecology, the environment, and the wildlife around you. Please feel free to bring a LIGHT-colored cotton T-Shirt if you would rather wear your creation instead. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 10*

Paper Quilt/Iris Folding Card Making (55 minutes)

Michelle Johnson and Beth Sippl

Create a piece of quilt art using paper. Secondly, create a card using the Iris Folding Method. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Planting a Propagated Houseplant (55 minutes)

Katie Lauterbach

Each participant will get a pot, add drainage rocks, soil & pick out a house plant or succulent to add to the soil. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Puppet Workshop (55 minutes)

Bridget Lentz

Come make a puppet and put on a short puppet show. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Scrapbooking (55 minutes)

Carole Schurtz

Bring 4-6 of your favorite 4-H photos (4 x 6) and we will show you how fun it can be to scrapbook them for your record book or just for fun. *Grades K-5 Class limit: 12*

Sewing - Pillow (55 minutes)

Jessica Robinson

A simple sewing project where youth will make a pillow from old button down shirts. *Grades K-2 Class Limit: 12*

Sewing - Soup Bowl Holder (55 minutes)

Jessica Robinson

A sewing project for the older youth. They will make a soup bowl holder. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 12*

Spring Time in the Woods (55 minutes)

Mike Lindley

We will learn about being outside in the woods in the spring. We will also make a turkey call and learn about animals. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Stained Glass Candle Jars (55 minutes)

Natalie and Sarah Chartrand

Glass jars made to look like stained glass with tissue paper, to be used as a vase or candle holder. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 10*

Succulent Garden (55 minutes)

Elizabeth Hesselink

Youth will plant succulents into various containers to create a one-of-a-kind creation. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 12*

Talk 'n Dogs (55 minutes)

Deb Beyer, Jean Gustafson, Greta Gustafson w/Bert the Show Dog

In this class, we will learn about dog breeds and their intended jobs. How dogs "talk" to us and how we should and should not talk to them. We will practice some dog obedience training exercises with pretend dogs. You will also meet a real, live 4-H show dog. *Grades K-5 Class Limit: 15*

Woodworking - Make Your Own Napkin Holder (1 hr 55 min)

Anne Wittman

Woodworking class for young beginners to make a napkin holder. *Grades K-2 Class Limit: 8*

Woodworking - Serving Tray (1 hr 55 min)

Anne Wittman

Woodworking for older beginners to make a serving tray with handles. *Grades 3-5 Class Limit: 8*



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 25-27

Camp Kiwanis
15987 St Croix Trail N. Marine on St Croix, MN 55047

3RD-6TH GRADE (BASE CAMP)
7TH-8TH GRADE (OUTPOST)
9TH GRADE - 13TH GRADE (CAMP COUNSELORS)

REGISTRATION

→ Camp Registration - March/April
Camp Counselor Applications - December/January

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AmeriCorps

**AmeriCorps:
Recruiting for 2025**

Interested in serving with Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps? The first step is to sign up. To learn more about how you can serve in your community, or another, submit this form to be sent more information about service opportunities, benefits of service, and the application process. Please fill out the attached link:

<https://forms.gle/Bx386bWSQpjmXvVA9>

Here's Your Chance!

Counselors must be currently in 9th grade or older.

Applications must be completed by January 17, 2025. Contact your 4-H Program Educator if you have any questions or need any assistance. Youth will be notified by mid-February if they are selected to be a camp counselor for 2025. Please make sure you are available on the dates listed on this application for trainings. New counselors will also be asked to complete an online training module.

<https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3>



CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED!

GRADES 9+

25-27 JUNE

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION


→ <https://go.wisc.edu/xrr3u3>


Welcome to 4-H Food Fest

 **When:** Saturday, January 25th

Where: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 365 W River Drive, New Richmond

 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

 **Cost:** \$5 per person (all supplies and food!)


 **Who:** Open to all 4-H members and friends


Registration: Due January 17 (supply purchase deadline)

Register by email to: ncash@wisc.edu




Get ready for a day packed with hands-on fun and learning! At Food Fest, you'll:

 Learn how to make noodles from scratch

 Discover the art of cheese-making

 Create seed tape and explore seed germination using your own body heat

 Try your hand at cake decorating

No need to pack a lunch—everything we make, we'll eat! Bring your curiosity and appetite for an exciting, educational, and delicious day.

We can't wait to see you there!



4-H Day @ Trollhaugen - Sunday, March 9th 2025

Program Schedule:

Skiing and Snowboarding (Reserve by March 1, 2025)

Arrival - 11:30am arrival (no early arrivals or sales)

Free Beginner Lessons - 12:00pm-1:00pm - Ages 10+

Free Snowsports Merit Badge Test - 2:30pm

Tubing (Reserve by March 1, 2025)

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

Fees:

Lift Ticket \$22

Rental Package (ski or snowboard - includes helmet) \$21

Tubing Ticket \$18 - 2 hours

How To Register:

Call 715-755-2955 x223 or email rose@trollhaugen.com Clubs must pre-register by

BY MARCH 1st, 2025 (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/>



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 @
6:30 pm

UW-Extension Office

Agenda will be sent out
prior to the meeting.



Reminder: 4-H Event Insurance

As you plan out your club calendar take note of those activities that may require additional insurance.

Event that require additional insurance include: Horseback Riding
 Mountain Biking Shooting Sports Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding
 Go-Karts Bounce House or Moonwalk Challenge Course or Zip
Line Fun Run/Walks Tractors Roadside Clean-Up
 Sledding/Tobogganing/Tubing ATVs or UTVs
 Waterfront: Paddle Sports Waterfront: Swimming

Reach out if you have an event planned that you are not sure about.
NOT approved 4-H activities include: Paintball, Laser Tag, and the use
of Trampolines

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 a week before your event:

<https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8>

2024-2025 4-H TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Thinking about taking a trip in 2024-2025? 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 2025- June 30, 2025, application deadline is no later than Friday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet HERE:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/10/2024-25-Program-Booklet-compressed.pdf>

Adult Advisor Applications

Applications for adult advisor positions for State & National educational experiences are now open!

This includes adult advisor positions for:

- Space Camp (April)
- Summer Academy (June)
- Citizenship Washington Focus in Washing, D.C. (June - July)
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November)
- Arts Experiences (varies)
- Animal Science Experiences (varies)

Adult advisors are currently enrolled 4-H volunteers who help to guide young people when at these educational experiences. You can find more information along [with the application link here](#).

ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED!

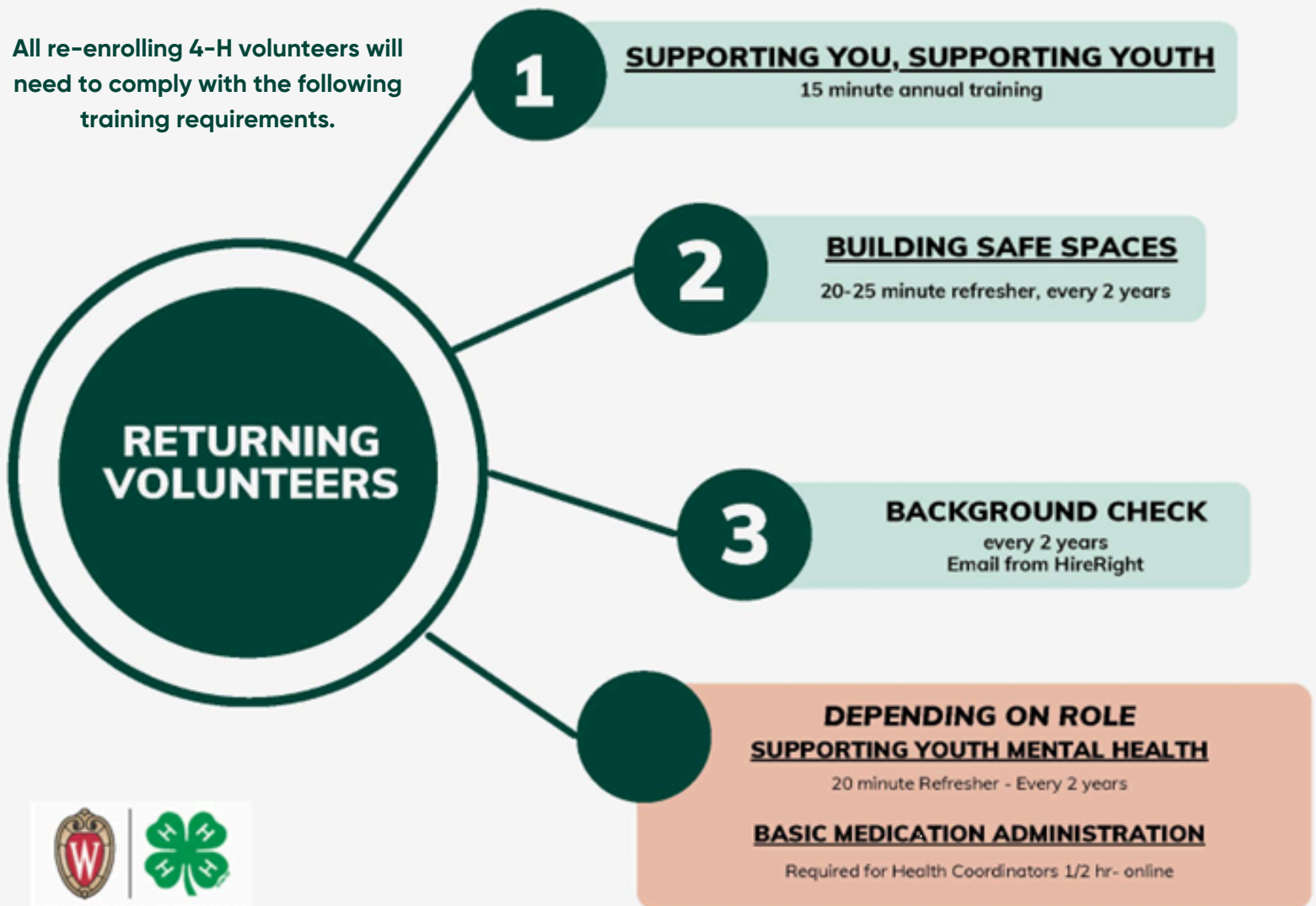
Applications are open to become an adult advisor with Wisconsin 4-H!

Adult advisors have the opportunity to travel across the state and country as they serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on different programs.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old at the time of the program.



All re-enrolling 4-H volunteers will need to comply with the following training requirements.



4-H Committees



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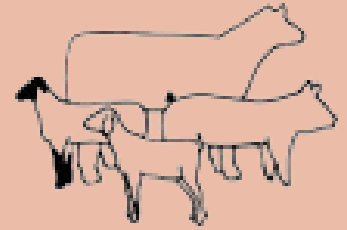
Livestock Committee News:

Rules Meetings:

Tuesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 18 @ 9:00 am

All at UW Extension Office, Baldwin



SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

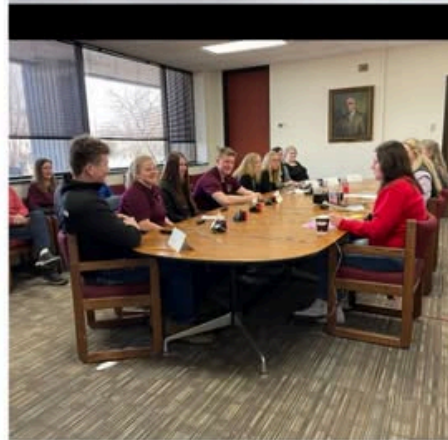
4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
FEB. 8, 2025

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 15, 2025

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE
UW MADISON CAMPUS**



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ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS...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



Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Applications Due: February 1, 2025

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 <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/11/Heritage-Calf-2025-1.pdf> and are due February 1, 2025. All applications should be emailed to Mary Luckwaldt at luckwaldt123@yahoo.com. **Applicants will be asked back for an interview with the selection committee.**

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:

<https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/11/2025-Crowley-Application-Essay-Questions.pdf>

Please forward completed application to Mary Luckwaldt at luckwaldt123@yahoo.com



WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL

Registration is now open on 4-H Online!
Closes on January 10, 2025

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Dairy Quiz Bowl

The 2025 contest will be held on January 25, 2025. It will be held at UW Green Bay in the STEM Innovation Building, Green Bay, WI. For more information on the contests and day of events, please visit our website!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statew.../dairy-quiz-bowl/>

Dairy Committee Meeting

Monday, February 3rd at
7:00 pm
UW-Extension Office,
Baldwin



Dog Project 2024/2025 – Year At a Glance

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



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| <p>January 12th 4:00 pm And running consecutively on Sunday evenings.</p> | <p>Agility and Rally Training. This is held indoors at Overdale Kennel and Canine Sports S1000 Westland Drive, Spring Valley, WI. If interested in participating, please email dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com. Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance of (or have attended in previous years) the Bite Prevention Seminar. • Completion of Pre Novice (2+ years in project) • Dogs must be up to date on vaccines required by the dog project. • Special note that all dog project members may attend to observe any practices regardless of years in project, <i>without dogs</i>. <p>This class will run for a consecutive 8 weeks, dates are subject to change.</p> |
| <p>January 16th 7:00pm</p> | <p>St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project committee meeting. This is a business meeting for the project leaders, held at UWEX 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. Any parents or youth who want to participate in the planning discussions are welcome.</p> |
| <p>February 22nd</p> | <p>Clover College. Dog project committee members will be offering the dog-themed class "Talkin' Dogs" again this year. Dog project leaders and members will demonstrate some of the basics of dog obedience. This class is offered to those enrolled in Clover College.</p> |
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| <p>February/March</p> | <p>Educational session TBD</p> |
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| <p><i>Required - Spring Training Season: April-July</i></p> | <p><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></p> |
| <p>April 3rd and 6th Time TBD</p> | <p>Mandatory Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting. Held at the UWEX, 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI. All dog project members MUST ATTEND ONE of the two dates offered.</p> |
| <p>April 3rd, 7:00 pm</p> | <p>Dog Bite Prevention presentation. This is a mandatory class for those wanting to start training in agility and rally and is strongly suggested for all members in dog obedience. This educational session will include valuable information about dog behavior and safety, held at UWEX 1960 8th Ave. Baldwin, WI.</p> |
| <p>April (last week of) date TBD</p> | <p>Dog obedience orientation for Beginners ONLY. Times and places TBD.</p> |
| <p>May 1st and running consecutively on Thursday evenings</p> | <p>Dog obedience and showmanship weekly training on Thursday evenings. Times and places TBD.</p> |
| <p>June</p> | <p>St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Committee meeting.</p> |

Dog Project 2024/2025 – Year At a Glance

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



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| June | Dog Project Fun Show. Time and details TBD. |
| July 12 | Dog Project County Fair Show |
| <i>Optional - Summer Training Season: Aug.-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./Oct. | Dog project promotional events at White Pine Berry Farm and Camp St. Croix. Dates and Times TBD. |
| Oct. | Annual Dog Project Meeting |
| Oct. | State 4-H Dog Show |
| <i>Winter Break: Nov.-Dec.</i> | |
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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We're in need of several project and committee leaders aimed at enhancing our 4-H programs and activities! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help lead these projects/committees and bring fresh ideas to our 4-H community.

Available (but not limited) 4-H Committee and Project Areas:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Foods & Nutrition Project | 3. Ambassadors | 5. Sewing/Quilting Project |
| 2. STEM Project | 4. Woodworking Project | 6. Photography Project |

Why Volunteer?

- Gain leadership experience
- Make a positive impact in our community
- Have fun and meet new friends!

If you're interested in volunteering for one of these committees, please contact Laura laura.hinz@wisc.edu.



Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making our 4-H program thrive!

St. Croix Co. Fair



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR BOARD

2025 will be a great year! Save the dates of July 16-20 for a fabulous five days of fun, food, and family time as we celebrate 115 years of memories at the St. Croix County Fair.



Other Fair Board News

The Fair Board usually meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be February 13, 7:00 pm at the Extension Office in Baldwin. It is the Annual meeting and every one is welcome. The February business meeting along with Election of Directors and Officers will take place immediately following the annual meeting.

Friends of the Fair



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Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Friends hope that all of you have had the best Holiday Season possible and extends best wishes for a great 2025 as we collectively view 2024 in the rearview mirror.

As we reflect on the Friends' 2024 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 Maytober. A big thank you to all who helped make a reality of our stretch goal - covering the annual principal and interest payment for the Tiffany Creek Shelter. We came close and with help from the

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo - we made it! We also continued with Club Development Grants and partial funding of the Heritage Calf Project. Speaking of Club Development Grants, the New Richmond Area Community Fund just awarded us \$1500 towards club grants going forward into 2025!

Looking ahead to 2025, 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 2025. 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

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

Focus – Engage – Take Action



June 20–28, 2025



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Washington D.C



What?

Approximately 50 Wisconsin 4-H Youth register annually to attend this citizenship and leadership program held in Washington, D.C. Through a series of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of social responsibility and what it means to be a civic leader.

Why?

- Only for 4-H'ers – CWF is the only national program offered exclusively to 4-H members.
- More than monuments – Our “focus” is lifelong civic engagement, with delegates leaving ready to address issues in their communities, more than a DC sightseeing trip.
- Diversity and friendship – CWF offers a unique chance to exchange ideas and experiences with people from across the country.

Who?

- 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Minimum age 15 during the trip.
- Carry county approval throughout program. Check with your local office about scholarship opportunities.
- Delegates may only attend once as a youth.

How much?

- The total cost is approximately \$2,500.
- The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of the cost. And many county 4-H Youth Development programs provide partial local sponsorships
- The remaining amount is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family.

“CWF has been the highlight of my 4-H Career.”

--- 4-Her from Oklahoma

“I didn't have the faintest idea what a good citizen was before I came here, and now I know it's what I strive to be.”

-- 4-Her from Colorado

For more information:

Check out these websites (or scan QR code):

[CWF](#)

and

[4-H cwf](#)

Questions?

Contact the State 4-H office at 608-263-5971.



Nominations for the 2025 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame are OPEN!

About the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame

The genesis for our Hall of Fame began with discussions about how UW–Madison Division of Extension 4-H Youth Development should celebrate our Centennial in 2014. Three broad themes came out of initial planning: we need to capitalize on this opportunity for the future; take pride in our accomplishments; and celebrate our past.

This Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. The candidates represent 4-H in the broadest sense – they may be 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, UW–Madison Division of Extension professionals, or staff employees who had an impact on the lives of children, their community, or state through significant contributions of time, energy, or financial resource to 4-H and its members. The names of some are very recognizable, as sites and buildings bear their names. Others, while not broadly known, have transformed the lives of children and families with whom they've worked and the communities in which they've lived. The Hall of Fame preserves Wisconsin's 4-H history and development while increasing awareness of the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development program.

100 Hall of Fame laureates were inducted in 2014 to coincide with the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Centennial Celebration. Moving forward, yearly nominations will be taken to select up to 10 honorees each year to keep the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame growing.

Nomination forms are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/>. Deadline is January 15th.



Wisconsin

Distance Learning

The Wisconsin Distance Learning Team provides access to education across Wisconsin today by sharing resources and access to content through non-traditional programming.



Upcoming Programming:

- The Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Dinosaurs and Unicorns
- Paper Circuits

[Learn More and Register for Upcoming Programming Here!](#)

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Kicks off Photography Contest



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off a contest that challenges all 4-H members to explore their creativity!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

[Entry info found here](#)

Calling all Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development graduates! Scholarship applications are NOW OPEN! 🍀🎓 The #WI4HFoundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding #WI4H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2025. You'll want to get your application in early. Find application requirements and guidelines at <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

WISCONSIN 4-H
HALL OF FAME



RAISING WISCONSIN'S CHILDREN

Conference 2025



This free, online event is perfect for parents, teachers, and all those who care for Wisconsin's children. Learn hands-on tips from leading experts for raising healthy, resilient kids. This year, we're focusing on unlocking the power of social and emotional skills in children and teens!

You can attend as many conference sessions as you want. All sessions will have closed captions. Participate in a Q&A session with speakers after each presentation. Register to attend and view conference recordings through February.

SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

- **Early Experiences Elevate Everything: Early Brain and Child Development and The Future Of Society**
Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD

9:45 AM

- **Mindfulness and Compassion for Well-Being**
Larissa Duncan, PhD

11:00 AM

- **Navigating Challenging Behaviors in Early Childhood with Grace and Respect**
Laura Froyen, PhD

1:00 PM

- **Five Critical Conversations Necessary to Support Children's Transition to Kindergarten**
Michelle Sands, PhD

2:15 PM

- **A Parent's Guide to Treating Childhood Anxiety and OCD**
Stephen Whiteside, PhD, LP

3:30 PM

- **Raising Resilient Teenagers: Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Family Adversity**
Amanda Morris, PhD

JANUARY 28, 2025

8:15 AM - 4:30 PM, CST

Free & Virtual on Zoom



Scan QR code or go to [details](#) and to register.

Wisconsin Registry credits for childcare professionals available for some sessions. Scan QR code to register.

[Register Here](#)

When you register, you will receive an email with a link that gives you access to the conference using Zoom. Check your junk mail if you don't receive this email.



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