4-H Communicator



April is National Volunteer Month

It is the month which we take a moment and thank the many volunteers that give so much to the 4-H program.

In celebration of the one hundred and fifty plus leaders that help make the 4-H program what it is here in St. Croix County, we salute you because you are

V - very special person

O - one that can make a huge difference

L - loves sharing skills with others

U - unselfish in giving

N - never wants attention

T - tireless in their efforts

E - educating the members

E - each and everyone very special

R - remember to thank them since they are

S - so very crucial to the program's success!

Now here is a challenge to all of the 4-H members.......National Volunteer Week is April 20-26. Make sure that you recognize one, two or more of the 4-H leaders who have helped make a positive difference in your life. Send a thank-you note, call to let them know you appreciate them, give them a small gift, or simply say "thankyou" the next time you are together. You may be surprised by their reaction! I want to hear many stories from our adult leaders that they were thanked by the members.

As we all know, volunteers don't do what they do for the fame or the glory. They use vacation, choose to give time to work with youth because they love what they do and they know they are making a difference in our future.

Time is a very precious gift. Thank you for choosing to use your time as a volunteer in the St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development program.

APRIL 2025

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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."

Nicole Cash
4-H Program Educator
nicole.cash@wisc.edu
715-531-1938

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.

St. Croix County

Extension Website





April

- 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry Opens
- 1 Cloverbud Day Camp Registration Opens
- 3 Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting
- 3 Dog Bite Prevention Presentation
- 5 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 5 **Autumnwood Dairy Operation Tour**
- 6 Dog Project Kick-Off Meeting
- 7 Trip Scholarship Deadline
- 7 Monthly Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 8 **Shooting Sports Parent Meeting**
- 8 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 10 Final Livestock Rules Meeting
- 10 Fair Board Meeting
- 14 Horse Project Kick Off Meeting
- 15 Cloverbuds @ Home
- 15 Leaders Association Meeting
- 15 Dairy Judging Practice
- 23 Softball Coaches Meeting
- 25 Submit DNA Samples Swine Project
- 26 Submit DNA Samples Swine Project
- 26 Goat & Sheep Initial Weigh-in
- 26 Outdoor Explorers Project Event



Calendar



May

- 5 Monthly Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 10 Shooting Sports Practice Date
- 13 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 24 Shooting Sports Practice Date
- 26 UWEX Office Closed HOLIDAY
- 31 Fair Entry Deadline

June

- Monthly Youth Horse Project Meeting
- Horse Project Day Camp
- 7 Shooting Sports Practice Date
- 4-H Golf Classic
- 14 Foods Revue and Cake Decorating
- 19 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 20-23 Horse Project Weekend Camp
- 21 Shooting Sports Practice Date
- 23 Clothing Revue
- 25-27 4-H Summer Camp

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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









VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Croix County 4-H is looking for youth volunteers to help prepare, design, or lead activities throughout the summer. Use the link below to sing up for opportunties like Day Camp, Fair Outreach, and more! Our program thrives because of volunteers like you!

Sign Up Here!

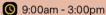
Contact Nicole Cash, 4-H Program Educator, for more information nicole.cash@wisc.edu 715-531-1938

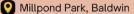
2025 Summer Day Camps

Open to grades K-3.
Registration Fees: \$10/youth each camp
Register for all three by June 7th and pay \$25!

EARTH **EXPLORERS**









CRITTERS

- iii July 24th, 2025
- () 9:00am 3:00pm
- Millpond Park, Baldwin



GEARS, GADGETS, & GIZMOS

- August 14th, 2025
- 9:00am 3:00pm
- Millpond Park, Baldwin



REGISTER HERE!









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Summer Day Camp

Grades K-3

Hop into the fascinating world of bugs, reptiles, and other amazing creatures. Through hands-on critter crafts, campers will create their own buggy masterpieces and discover hidden habitats. Exciting special guests will bring unique animal encounters and educational presentations. Themed snacks will fuel their adventures, and leave them with sweet memories. Don't miss out on the fun; wiggle your way to day camp this summer!

- iii July 24th, 2025
- (S) 9:00am 3:00pm
- Millpond Park, Baldwin







Summer Day Camp

Grades K-3

Get ready to dig deep into the wonders of our planet! This camp is a hands-on adventure into the exciting world of Earth science and geology. Explorers will uncover the secrets of rocks, rivers, and volcanoes. They'll create their own mini rivers, learning how water shapes the land, and witness the thrilling spectacle of volcanic eruptions. Join us for a day of discovery, fun, and earth-shattering excitement!

- June 19th, 2025
- 9:00am 3:00pm
- Millpond Park, Baldwin



Summer Day Camp

Grades K-3

Charge up your imagination at Gears, Gadgets, & Gizmos Day Camp! Campers will build their own working circuits, learning how electricity powers our world. They'll launch pneumatic stomp rockets and create hydraulic lift crafts, understanding the amazing force of air and water. And they'll explore the invisible magic of magnets. Get ready to build, launch, and create your way to a summer of fun!

- **a** August 14th, 2024
- © 9:00am 3:00pm
- Millpond Park, Baldwin







THE 4-H AND FFA ENCYCLOPEDIA

The Deer Park Public Library has just added some new titles to our collection that may be of interest to 4-H members. Whether you are curious about projects or need some ideas to get started on what you will enter into the fair. To place a hold, log onto the MORE system and enter in your account information. If you need help with this or have additional questions, call the library at 715.269.5464 or come visit us at



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
https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4

Deadlines -

 For trips scheduled in February 2025–June 30, 2025, application deadline is no later than Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H

Program Booklet HERE:

https://4h.extension.

wisc.edu/files/

<u>2024/10/2024-25-</u>

Program-Booklet-

compressed.pdf





Attention 4-H High School Seniors 2025! Deadline April 1!

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 2025 4-H Scholarships - Deadline for all applications is Tuesday, April 1 at 5pm.

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

Some of the **Bellringer's 4-H** members volunteered at the Glenwood City Library Dr. Seuss Event on March 6th. They helped with set up, doing games, serving snacks and refreshments, and clean up. The event was a huge success thanks to many hands helping.







Deadline Extended!

Open to graduating HS seniors and up (those enrolled to attend a post-secondary school)

Hiring!

4-H SUMMER INTERN

St. Croix County, Baldwin, WI

The 4-H Intern will assist with various strategic responsibilities relating to St. Croix County 4-H outreach and marketing presence. This position provides valuable pre-professional experience for educational and community-based careers.

Deadline Extended: April 4, 2025





https://tinyurl.com/ycyxjr8n









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

ANNUAL NORTHWEST 4-H GOLF CLASSIC





1. CLOVER CART CONTEST
BEST DECORATED CART
2 DRESSED "TO THE NINES"
BEST DRESSED TEAM





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Leader News



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 15 @ 6:30 pm

UW-Extension Office

Agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.



Reminder: 4-H Event 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 a week before your event:

https://forms.gle/Pk9S1xxmXfHmYtgE8 or email Laura @ laura.hinz@wisc.edu

Event that require additional insurance include: Horseback Riding
\square Mountain Biking \square Shooting Sports \square 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

Thank you to all that have picked up the 2025-2026 St. Croix County Premium Books Please distribute **one** per 4-H family.

There are just a few clubs that still need to pick up the books...Hammond Fun Club, St. Croix Valley 4-H & FFA Club, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Tri-River Voyagers.



The St. Croix County Fair requests that St. Croix County 4-H families please wait to receive their St. Croix County Premium Books from their general club leaders as there were a limited number of books printed this year.

Remember Fair Entry is Open April 1 - May 31!



The Living Memorial Award is meant for an individual who puts a lot of time and effort into the County Fair to make it a success each year. Non 4-H Leaders as well as 4-H Leaders are eliaible. To nominate an individual, complete the Living Memorial **Award Nomination and** submit to the UW-Extension Office by April 1, 2025.

> Nomination Form Found Here

4-H Committees



St. Croix Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Updates

St. Croix County 4-H Shooting Sports Exhibitors,

The dates to lock in for the four practices starting at **9 AM** include **May 10th & 24th and June 7th & 21th.** Remember that to be eligible to compete and have a recorded score, two practices must be completed prior to the competition date. **July 12th 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 will be on **April 8th at 6:30 PM at the St Croix County Extension Office**, 1960 8th Ave, Baldwin, WI 54002

Thank You,

Questions Call Shawn Weyer at (715) 977-0184

Softball Coaches Meeting Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm at Extension office in Baldwin

Season will start in June

- Novice K-3rd grade
- Junior 3-8th grade
- Senior 9-13th grade



Dairy Committee Updates:

The next **Dairy Committee Meeting** will be held on **July 7th** at the Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm.

Dairy Judging Practice will begin on Tuesday, April 15th at Kamms, Nova Holsteins, 1710 190th St., New Richmond, WI 54017. The contest will be held on June 13th in Pierce County. Please let Ellis Frank know if you CANNOT attend the contest at our first night of practice.

REMINDERS:

- Reminder that all dairy
 exhibitors must complete the
 YQCA and submit a
 completion certificate when
 bringing their animal to the
 fair. If you do not have a
 certificate, you will not be able
 to show and your animal(s) will
 have to return home.
- All dairy exhibitors will be required to collect animal waste on their way to and from the show ring as well as for the time waiting to enter the show ring. Please plan accordingly as you prepare for the fair.

Livestock News:

Attention Swine Exhibitors:

Please ensure to complete the ear tag request form, using the link below, no later than April 1, 2025 by 11:59 PM. Failure to do so will result in ability to be auction eligible.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Shelby Krupa at shelby.krupa@gmail.com. Ear Tag Request Form

Livestock Committee Meeting:

Tuesday, April 8th at 7 pm Ag Center, 1960 8th Ave, Baldwin, WI Please note room change: Conference Room #117

Final Livestock Rules Meeting:

Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 PM

St. Croix County Extension Office, 1960 8th Ave, Baldwin, WI





Schuebel Show Camp



Saturday, May 17 Registration: 8:30am Camp: 9:00am-4:00pm

- Campers will be taught showmanship tips and tricks, show style fitting, and nutritional care for their lambs
- Open to all youth showing a lamb with an entry fee of \$50 per camper
- Counselors, Bracen Brandt and Kevin Kitchen have a combined 20+ years of experience both showing and judging with many high level accomplishments
- Bring your halter trained lamb and spend the day working on your showmanship skills

Pre-registration required. Please e-mail the contact and you will receive a form to fill out.

Where: Washburn County Fairgrounds Spooner, WI

Contact: schuebelshowstock@gmail.com

James M Shearer **Scholarship Announcement**

With the donations made in remembrance of James collected to date, the funds will now go to support kids in St. Croix County that are also enthusiastic about showing beef or dairy.

Two scholarships are available:

- \$500 for feed or supplies for your existing beef or dairy show animal, OR
- \$2000 to purchase a beef or dairy show animal for the 2026 St. Croix County Fair.

Full description and application found here



Attention Dairy and Meat Goat Exhibitors

The clinic will be held from April 12th 9:00-12:00.
Lunch will be provided. The clinic will be held at the Howard Lake MS/HS 8700 Cty Rd 6 SW
Howard Lake, MN.



Horse Project News

<u>Upcoming 2025 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center</u> Youth Meeting 7:00 / all project meeting 7:30

- Monday April 7th
- Monday May 5th
- Monday June 2nd
- Monday July 7th
- Monday Aug 4th



Special Events - Ag Center unless otherwise noted

- April 5th- Kick off Meeting- Arrival time: 8:30 am arrival, starting at 9:00 am (Location: Ag Center in Baldwin)
- April 14th- Kick off Meeting-Arrival time: 6:30 pm arrival, starting at 7:00pm (Location: Star Prairie Town Hall)
- June 7th 8:00 am Day Camp St. Croix County Fair Grounds
- June 20 22nd Weekend Camp St. Croix County Fair Grounds
- Monday Oct 6th, 6:00 pm Annual year end banquet and annual meeting

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

Dog Project News

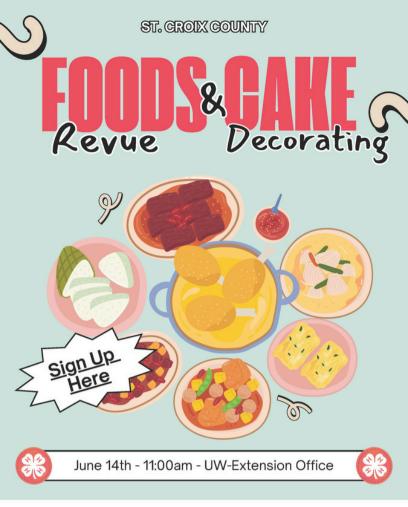


Questions? Please reach out to dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com or message our Facebook group @St.Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members

SAVE THE DATE

If you are **enrolled** in the St. Croix County Dog Project, please save the dates below!!!

Required - Spring Training Season: April-July	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.
April 3 rd , 6:00 pm	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.
April 3 rd , 7:00 pm	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.
April 6 th , 3:00 pm	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.
April 24 th , 6:00 pm	Dog obedience orientation for Beginners ONLY, dogs kept in vehicle at the start of practice. This will be held at St. Croix Central (Roberts)Elementary 202 S Division St. Roberts WI This orientation meeting clearly explains what to expect when our beginners arrive at dog project practice.
May 1st and running consecutively on Thursday evenings	Dog obedience and showmanship weekly training on Thursday evenings held at St. Croix Central (Roberts)Elementary 202 S Division St. Roberts WI. Beginner -Pre-Novice 6:00 – 7:00 pm Showmanship 7:00-7:30 pm Novice and above 7:30 – 8:30 pm
June (date TBD)	St. Croix County 4-H Dog Project Committee meeting.
June 26	Dog Project Fun Show. Time and details TBD.
July 12	Dog Project County Fair Show





What is the Foods Revue?

The Foods Revue is a judged, pre-fair event where members showcase their food preparation and knowlege. What's involved?

Planning and Preparation: Participants plan a delicious, healthy, and balance meal **Menu creation:** They create a handwritten or

typed menu.

Table Service: They plan the table service needed to attractively serve the meal, including dishes, silverware, table linen, etc.

Presentation: On the day of the event, members set up their meal and table service, and the judges go around to each member individually to evaluate their work.

Check out all the requirements in the Fair Book or Online

Cake Decorating is judged on the same day!

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

If you're interested in volunteering for one of these committees, please contact Nicole Cash, 4-H Program Educator nicole.cash@wisc.edu

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



St. Croix Co. Fair



Fair Books

The 2025-2026 Fair Premium books are now available. 4H Families may get their copy form their Club General Leader.

Fair Entry Opens April 1 Fair Entry website: https://fairentry.com/Fair/Signin/21777



2025 ST. CROIX COUNTY FAIR ENTRY

The 2025 St. Croix County Fair is fast approaching, "Making Memories since 1910" will be a great time on our fairgrounds. Please remember that to exhibit at the fair and showcase the projects you have been preparing, you must enter the fair between April 1st and May 31st. This entry process is done online at FairEntry.com or through your online 4H website. Your information should transfer from 4H online but if it doesn't it is easy to make a new account, but you will have to add all your information again.

Things to remember:

- Make sure that all your information is correct and make necessary changes as needed. Check name, address, phone, email, club and parents. This is important incase we need to contact you
- Enter **all** your exhibits before submitting, making sure you are using the correct departments for the project you have entered. Also remember Youth can only enter in Departments 1-33, Education Dept. 35 is for youth not enrolled in a county youth program and Adults can enter in appropriate Open and Senior Citizens Departments 108 -162
- ENTER EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY BEFORE SUBMITTING. If you enter the first person and submit, you will not be able to enter the rest without making a phone call to Cindy and waiting for her to open your entry.
- Your entries will be checked, and if there is a problem, sent back to you to fix the mistakes and you will have to submit again
- Once you submit, you will receive an email from FairEntry confirming that you have entered.
- When your entries have been approved, you will receive a second email with a list of confirmed entries.
 PRINT THIS LIST SO YOU WILL HAVE A LIST OF YOUR ENTRIES (incase you forget) AND FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO YOUR GENERAL LEADER SO THEY WILL ALSO HAVE A LIST OF YOUR ENTRIES. This will prevent a phone call in July to ask what you have entered.
- There will be no changes to entries after May 31st unless it involves an animal illness. All animal changes have to be approved by the species department head
- Entry tags will be available at the fair office in Glenwood City on Saturday, July 12, at 10 AM 3 PM. There are no tags for Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Horses. All tags must be attached to projects before they can be judged
- Check judging schedules that will be posted closer to the fair. Bring your entries to the appropriate judges, receive your placing, have your results scanned and then place your items in the appropriate display areas. If you cannot be at the scheduled judging time, an absentee judging form is available so that someone else can bring your items
- Your projects can be picked up on Sunday, July 20th, 4 PM 7 PM or Monday July 21st, 9 AM 11 AM

If you have any questions about entering online or bringing your projects to the fair, call Cindy Van Dyk, 715.246.5486 (home) or 715.529.1802 (cell) or cindyvandyk1976@gmail.com (email)

St. Croix Co. Fair



Reminder: Clarification for 3rd grade exhibitors

3rd graders are limited to one animal, in one animal species for a total of one animal. 3rd graders may exhibit the animal in showmanship and the appropriate lot. They must be enrolled in that animal project and follow all rules assigned to that project. It is their responsibility to follow all health requirements, rules and regulations.

What's New at the St. Croix County Fair

We are excited to announce two new contests that are open to everyone!





Fair Board Meetings

All Fair board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. For more information or to request agenda items, please contact Gail Maier @ stcroixcofair@amail.com.

"FIX IT LIST" As we plan for the upcoming year, we want to make sure our fairgrounds and facilities are in top condition! If you have noticed anything that needs repair—such as a faulty electrical outlet, a door that sticks, or anything else—now is the time to let us know! We do our best to check every building during the fair, but we rely on you, our exhibitors and superintendents, to help us out. Please send us your "fix it" suggestions so we can add them to our to-do list. Thank you in advance for helping us keep the fairgrounds and facilities in great condition for everyone.

Be sure to check out the <u>fair website</u> for updated information and schedule of events. Follow us on Face Book at St. Croix County Fair-Wisconsin.

WI 4-H News



WISCONSIN 4-H SUMMER ACADEMY

June 16-19, 2025

Start Your Child's Learning Journey.

- Program Features:
 - Participate in track-based activities and seminars
 - Visit different locations on Campus and in Madison
 - Hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company

Register through

<u>4Honline,</u>
open Mar 17th!

For more info: https://go.wisc.edu/4hsummer academy

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8 - 11



\$600 per youth

Earn Your "Being Yourself" Jibbitz

2025 4-H JIBBITZ





Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit

Mark your calendars for July 16, 2025! Register now for the Wisconsin Restorative Justice Summit at Madison State College, where we will gather to share knowledge, inspire change, and work to build a more just future together.

Register and learn more here:

https://youth.extension.wisc.edu/programs/restorative-justice-summit/

THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT IS A STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL FORUM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH-SERVING PROFESSIONALS TO COLLABORATE IN ADVANCING EQUITABLE, EVIDENCE-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING PRACTICES THAT AIM TO TRANSFORM YOUTH SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITIES IN WISCONSIN.

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WISCONSIN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUMMIT

BUILDING BRIDGES:
UPLIFTING YOUTH VOICE
FOR A JUST AND
INCLUSIVE FUTURE

JOIN US IN BUILDING A JUST FUTURE SAVE THE DATE

7/16/2025 9 AM - 2.30 PM Madison State College

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



Other News



YMCA Camp St. Croix hiring summer Farm Animal Lead at Educational Farm contact Anna Zimmer

(E) anna.zimmer@ymcamn.org (P) 651-739-6599

Animal Husbandry Education Lead Small Farm Animals—The Farm at YMCA Camp St. Croix



Background

YMCA Camp St. Croix has been providing exceptional outdoor program experiences since 1909. For more than 100 years, and on over 400 acres along the St. Croix Riverway, Camp St. Croix has established a tradition of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility in all year-round programs. Just 20 minutes east of the Twin Cities, Camp St. Croix provides a convenient location for kids and adults alike to enjoy quality programming in a beautiful, natural setting.

The Farm at Camp St. Croix consists of the High Tunnels, Discovery Garden, Educational Barn, small farm animals in the summer, and year-round laying chickens. These pieces make The Farm at Camp St. Croix the first nearly year-round educational farm in the St. Croix Valley. We work hard to bring participants, families, and the community together through education in small farming, cooking and eating what we grow, sparking a shared interest in growing and cooking healthy food. We strive to do these things in a way that is sustainable for the environment and our bodies, as well as reproducible at home.

Job description

The Animal Husbandry Lead would work directly with and report to the Farm Director to gain experience in developing and delivering farm animal educational programing for Camp Participants at Camp St. Croix, DayCroix. The incumbent would be responsible for teaching classes and conveying educational materials to 4-14 year olds in the animal area during four separate class times/day, five days a week. The incumbent would also work with class groups to care for the animals, and teach campers how to spend time with them in meaningful and respectful ways. This would help participants to understand why famers have animals, and where meat and other animal-based products are sourced.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Develop and deliver age appropriate educational programing around concepts of the use of farm animals for human use, companionship, consumption, help, etc.
- · Care for the animals during the summer, both inside and outside of program time
- Rotationally graze animals across the pasture (sheep, egg layers, broilers)
- It is important that this person adheres to high aesthetic standards in the space, this will require mowing and extra maintenance outside of educational time
- Support other aspects of the farm including but not limited to the high tunnel, Discovery Garden, farm store, and Pizza Nights



STREAM Girls May 17th, 2025

Girls Grades 6-8

Saturday May 17th - 8:30am -5pm

Location: Ellsworth Rod & Gun Club

W3930 US Hwy 72, Ellsworth, Wisconsin 54011

Join the KiapTUWish Chapter of Trout Unlimited for a day of fun on the Rush River in Ellsworth, WI. Learn about cold water ecology as you learn to cast a fly rod, tie a fishing fly, scoop up & identify macroinvertebrates, calculate the river's velocity and more! End the day fly fishing with your personal, experienced fly fishing guide.

No fly fishing experience necessary. No fee required.

Lunch & snacks provided.

Earn your STREAM Girls patch.

Take home your handmade fishing fly & a keychain.

All waders, fly tying materials and fly rods provided.

Rain or shine!

Registration limited to 18 participants.

Register by April 16, 2025.

Use this form to register. https://forms.gle/UfpM6DXvhZhJdCeNA

Registrants will receive a confirmation email with more details.