



Attention St. Croix Co 4-H Post Secondary College Students:

MARCH 2025

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.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

[Apply Here](#)



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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."

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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.

Join our team in St. Croix Co. as a 4-H Intern and gain hands-on experience in youth development and community outreach! In this dynamic role, you'll help promote 4-H programs while learning about volunteer development and community partnerships. Under the guidance of our 4-H Educator, you'll build essential skills for a future in education and community-focused careers. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to make an impact and grow your professional network with UW-Madison Extension!

[Click Here For Full Job Description](#)

Calendar

March

- 1 Enrollment Deadline to show at the St. Croix Co. Fair under 4-H name
- 3 Youth Horse Project Meeting
- 8 Dairy Judging Fundraiser - Baldwin American Legion
- 11 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 13 Fair Board Meeting
- 15 Last Day to Add/Delete 4-H Projects
- 18 Cloverbud @ Home
- 29 Sheep & Goat Clinic
- 31 4-H Summer Camp Registration Opens



April

- 1 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 1 Fair Entry 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
- 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
- 25 Submit DNA Samples - Swine Project
- 26 Submit DNA Samples - Swine Project
- 26 Outdoor Explorers Project Event



May

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



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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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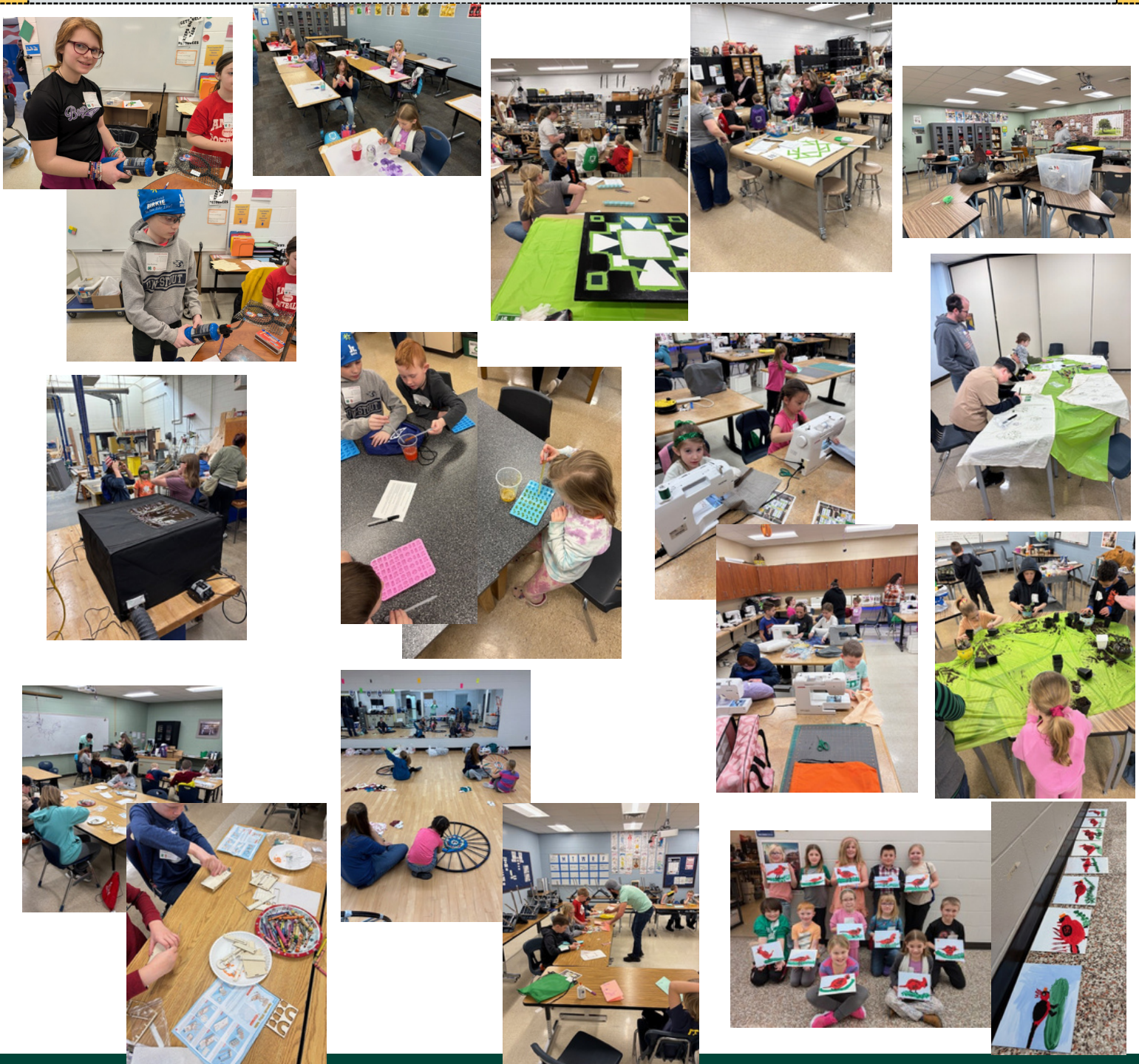
Clover College 2025



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On Saturday, February 22 St. Croix and Polk County 4-H hosted 135 K-5th grade youth for Clover College at St. Croix Falls High School. It was fun filled day for all with 25 different workshops for youth to explore different 4-H project areas. Youth took home several completed projects.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers! Teacher, Classroom Assistants, Hall Monitors and other Volunteers came from the two counties to make this a great experience for the youth. Also a special thanks to St. Croix Falls High School staff for hosting us! Here are just a few pictures from our day together.



Club Information



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Limited Space - Register Early



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 25-27

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

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

REGISTRATION

Camp Registration opens
March 31 at 8AM
in 4-H online
(wi.4honline.com)



OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Join us for a half-day of wild wonders!
Explore the natural world through
hands-on learning and outdoor
wellness activities.

April 26th 9 am - 1 pm

St. Luke's Church, New Richmond

Open to all Ages
members & non-members



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Register Here

Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN



Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?

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Earn \$5,000 in living allowances

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Receive nearly \$2,000 in an education award

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Add UW-Madison Extension & AmeriCorps to your career credentials

Positions are available statewide.
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4h.extension.wisc.edu/
wisconsin4h-ameriCorps



GRADES 6-12+

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SURVEY

Share your stories, ideas, and interests to guide program planning and offer leadership opportunities for youth grades 6 through 13!

TAKE THE SURVEY HERE!

SCAN ME!

Save the Dates!

Cloverbud Day Camps 2025

Who: Youth K-3

When: June 19, July 24, Aug 14

Where: Millpond Park, Baldwin

Registration
Coming Soon!



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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 Monday, 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>



Scholarships Open Now!

Apply Here!

Unlock Your Education Potential

- College and University Scholarships
- Trades Program Scholarships
- Program-Specific Awards

Attention 4-H High School Seniors 2025!

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/>



The **Bellinger's 4-H Club** just made 10 homeless packs for the Grace Place Shelter at their meeting in February. The funding for these packs came from the Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds. The packs included: socks, washcloth, soap, shampoo, rain poncho, toothbrush, deodorant, toothpaste, \$10 McDonalds gift card, and granola bars. Here is a picture of Landen Eliason making one.

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



The Hammond Fun Club had Annastasia Wilkinson from Stannashing Sweets come in and teach a very beginner cake decorating class with our 4-H club on Thursday, Feb. 27. As you can see even some of the parents had fun learning to decorate. The kids did all of the work from crumb coating their cakes, to learning how to pipe, and make a flower, plus adding the all-important decorations of sprinkles.

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 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

Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

Adult Certification Workshops:

- Southern, April 19, 2025, Stoughton, WI
- Northern, May 10, 2025, Phillips, WI
- Central, September 2025 Date TBD

All registration information for these and future certification workshops will be posted here: [Leader Certification Training Workshops – Wisconsin 4-H](#)

Become a Certified Instructor – Support our Youth

Adult instructors are always needed in teaching roles in our county shooting sports programs. The current instructors teaching kids in our shooting sports programs recognized a few years ago that this educational training must continue. They asked about being certified, attended training and began a very rewarding role of teaching and mentoring youth. Having a complete understanding of shooting sports equipment is helpful but many adults are certified each year with limited or no shooting sports experience. When you attend a certification workshop, you gain a basic understanding of the equipment and learn how to run shooting activities. Then team-teaching with instructors in your county builds your confidence and knowledge. Ask those individuals who lead shooting sports in your county how you can support shooting sports for our youth by becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports leader or instructor.



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 eligible. 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



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AUTUMNWOOD DAIRY OPERATION TOUR

Join the St Croix County Dairy Committee for a tour of Autumnwood Farm, a family-owned dairy operation that has been working hard to provide local, fresh, glass-bottled milk since 1902!



 **APRIL 5TH, 2025**

 **TOUR FROM 1PM - 3PM**
Bussing provided from UWEX Office
Departure time: 12:00pm
Return time: 4:00pm

 **AUTUMNWOOD FARM**
19435 Granada Ave N
Forest Lake, MN 55025

REGISTER HERE!



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.



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Adelle Dittman**, Riverside 4-H Club who has been named the 2025 St. Croix County winner of the **James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Sward**.

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee has selected the following winners of the **Heritage Calf**: **Hailey Gausman**, Lone Pine and **Abby Raymond**, Baldwin Wide Awake.



In Person Trainings

Polk County Justice Center

Date:

Sunday, February 2 at 12:30 pm
Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 pm
Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 pm

Register at:
yqcaprogram.org

Cost:
\$3 In Person
\$12 Web Based

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

Livestock News:

Sheep/Goat Clinic:

Topic: TBD

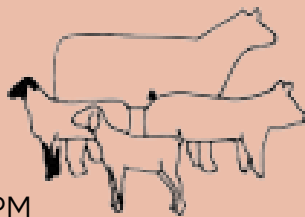
When: **March 29th, 2025** at 12:00 PM

Where: Spring Lamb & Goat Sale at UWRF Mann Valley Lab Farms

129 S Glover Rd, River Falls, WI 54022

Viewing starts at 11:00 AM

Sale starts at 1:00 PM



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](#)

Final Livestock Rules Meeting:

Thursday, **April 10** at 6:00 PM

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

Horse Project News

Upcoming 2025 Youth Horse Project Meetings - Ag Center

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

- Monday March 3rd
- 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
- April 14th- Kick off Meeting-Arrival time: 6:30 pm arrival, starting at 7:00pm
- June 7th - 8:00 am - Day Camp - St. Croix County FairGrounds
- June 20 - 22nd - Weekend Camp - St. Croix County FairGrounds
- 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

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Dates

**PIERCE COUNTY
JUNE 13TH**

**CALUMET COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



**WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR
FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



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!!!

<u>Required</u> - Spring Training Season: April-July	<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>
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 no dogs. 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

Dog Project News



Questions? Please reach out to dogprojectstcroix@gmail.com or message our Facebook group [@St.Croix County 4-H Dog Project Members](https://www.facebook.com/St.CroixCounty4H)

Dog Project Leaders and Youth Members Participate in Clover College

On Saturday, February 22 our dog project youth and leaders delivered an outstanding educational experience for our youngest 4-H members at the inter-county 4-H Clover College event held at the St. Croix Falls High School. Participants acquired insights into dog breeds and their various roles. Additionally, they learned about dog behavior and safe dog approach techniques. Our participants also had the opportunity to choose their very own "milk jug" dog and learn obedience techniques such as heel positions, sit on halt, recall, and cone weaving. Appreciation is extended to dog project leaders Deb Beyer and Jean Gustafson, and also to dog project youth leaders Greta Gustafson with Bert and Johanna LaVelle with Seele.



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 COUNTY DAIRY JUDGING TEAM
PRESENTS:

*Mooving our way
to Scotland*



**SATURDAY
MARCH 8
1-7 PM**

ACTIVITIES & MEAL

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

**BALDWIN
AMERICAN
LEGION**

410 MAPLE ST,
BALDWIN, WI

**50/50 &
MEAT
RAFFLES
THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

**\$15 CHAIR
MASSAGES**

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED
TO THE TRIP

**CALF
RAFFLE!**

**NEED NOT BE
PRESENT
TO WIN!**



TO DONATE CONTACT
ELLIS FRANK
#715-410-4491

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY!

1-4 PM

FACE PAINTING
BARN YARD BINGO
PIN THE TAIL ON THE COW
ICE FISHING GAME
POP CORN STATION



4-7 PM

SPAGHETTI DINNER
SILENT AUCTION
ADULT ICE FISHING GAME



7 PM

LIVE DESSERT AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION WINNERS
CALF RAFFLE WINNER

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



MAKAYLA WEYER, STELLA KAMM, LILLY PETERSON, PHIA KAMM
**THE JUDGING TEAMS TRIP
TO SCOTLAND**

Fair Books

The 2025-2026 Fair Premium books will be available **no earlier than March 20**. Fair Books will be delivered to the Extension Office for Club Leaders to pick up and distribute to members. Watch the weekly email blast for more info.

While several Departments will have some significant updates for exhibit entry, photography members may want to take note of the changes to Department 20, rule #9.

Please read carefully and follow the directions.

9. PREPARING YOUR EXHIBIT:

- i. One entry per poster board, unless noted in entry (i.e. story/before & after). Securely mount photos on **WHITE POSTER/TAG BOARD ONLY using strong double-sided tape, be generous. NO** foam core/foam board, embellishments or decorations, captions or titles, frames or photo corners. Remember to turn off the date-stamp setting on your camera. **Photos can be no larger than 5 x 7 (unless otherwise noted)**. Cropping is acceptable and encouraged. **ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON AN 8.5" X 11" SHEET OF TAG BOARD, NOT CARD STOCK.**
- ii. **PHOTOS NOT PROPERLY MOUNTED WILL BE LOWERED BY ONE RIBBON.**
- iii. **The following must be included ON BACK OF EACH ENTRY:**
 - Exhibitor Name,
 - Date photo was taken
 - Type of camera used,
 - Years in project
 - Explanation how trick photo or alteration was done



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.

Save the Date: Pre Fair Judging Schedule

Department 25

- Foods Revue and Cake Decorating: **Saturday, June 14** at the Extension Office 11:00 AM

Department 26

- Clothing Revue: **Monday, June 23** at the Extension Office 6:00 PM

Department 16

- Shooting Sports: **Saturday, July 12** at the Willow River Rod & Gun Club

The following will be judged on Saturday, July 12 at the Fairgrounds

Department 9

- Dog Show 9:00 AM

Department 20

- Photography 11:00AM-4:00PM

Department 25

- Foods & Nutrition Noon-3:00 PM

Department 13

- Cat Show 3:00 PM

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Reminder: 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@gmail.com.

Be sure to check out the fair website for updated information and schedule of events. Follow us on Facebook at St. Croix County Fair-Wisconsin.

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)

Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds

Our primary 2025 fund raising goal is to cover as much as possible of this year's loan payment on the Tiffany Creek Shelter. To fully cover we will need an additional \$20,000 in net funds raised. To this end, to cover operational overhead plus the loan, our conservative goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000. Our stretch goal is to raise \$50 to \$60,000 which will not only cover the 2025 loan payment, but will allow us to make a significant contribution towards early retirement of the loan, a goal of both the Friends and the St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo. With your continued strong support, we can make this happen.

Fund raisers in the works:

- Annual raffles
- Fall Commodity Drive
- Annual Maytober Sale

How can you help:

- Consider making donations of commodities, used equipment, vehicles, household furnishings to Friends
- Own a retail business – consider donating gift certificates – great opportunity to promote your business while supporting our fund raising efforts
- Check to see if your employer offers either volunteer match or matching donation funds
- Consider joining Friends of the Fairgrounds as either a Board or Associate Member

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



WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2025

February 20 - Cooking with Beef

Recording found here: [HERE](#)

Speakers: Angie Horkan and Kaitlyn Kes

March 18 - Management for your animal project, Biosecurity

Speakers: Dr. Gretchen May, Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Veterinarian

April 17 - Creating Charcuterie Boards

Speakers: Jessica Brown, Joshua Brantley, Heather Hunt, UW Madison.

All events are free, virtual and
begin at 6:30 p.m. CST
Can meet county educational
requirements.

**Hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, UW
Madison/Division of Extension.
For more information & how to
register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>**



SHARE YOUR STORY WITH YOUTH IN ACTION



**Are you a Leader, Creator, Storyteller, or Changemaker?
4-H is searching for YOU!**

Apply to join a group of teen Youth in Action winners who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H has changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others.

What's in it for you?

- A \$5,000 educational scholarship
- One-on-one professional mentoring
- Exciting opportunities as a national spokesperson
- So much MORE!



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Apply Now!

Due by March 31st

WISCONSIN 4-H ARTS



Wisconsin 4-H State Photography Contest 2025

Calling all Photographers

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to reintroduce a state photography contest.

Who can enter?

Any active 4-H members in grades 3-13.

When is the contest?

The contest will be open no later than **March 1st** and will close on **April 1st at 11:59 pm**.

How do I enter my photos?

The contest will run through **4-H online**. Contest guidelines and how to upload your photo will be available through the 4-H online portal. Use this link: <https://25StatewidePhotoContest.4honline.com> to go to the contest. If you need accommodations, see your County Extension office and they can help you enter your photos.

Categories

This year members will be able to enter photos in the following categories...

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 4-H Themed | 1. Textures |
| 2. People | 2. Landscape |
| 3. Animals/Wildlife | 3. Black and White only |

You may enter one photo in each category. **Photos must be taken in the last 12 months and be the work of the member.**

Entry fees

Each photo entry will cost the member \$3.00. The cost of the entry fee helps to pay for the printing, mounting and displaying of the photos. Any excess funds will support other 4-H arts activities.

Awards

Each photo will be judged by a group of skilled photographers. **The top photo in each category will be printed, mounted and displayed at the State 4-H office, be a part of the 4-H State Art show at Summer Academy, shared on the Wisconsin 4-H social media sites, and available for display at other statewide events.** Each category winner will be eligible for recognition for the overall best photo. Top photos will be used to promote the 2026 contest.

Copyright and Photo Releases

Each photographer will need to give 4-H permission to print, share and display your photos. Upon selection, permission is given only for public display, social media and any promotion for Wisconsin 4-H. Proper artist credit is always given. **You retain the rights to your photos.** [UW-Talent Release Form](#)

Any photo with people in it will need the photographer to secure permission from the subjects. This is important so that we have the permission to share pictures of your subjects. You may opt out of having your photos shared on social media but still will need to secure permission for your photos to be displayed.

Learning about photography

Want to know how to take and edit good pictures? Review these resources for tips on how to improve your photography skills. You can also access our 4-H projects materials here: [Wi Photography Project Resources](#)

Why enter?

Having your work judged is a great way to build your skills as a photographer. You will engage in taking better pictures, evaluating your work based on what makes a good photo, set goals for future photos, and reflect on comments that can help you improve for next time. It is also a good way to practice for the fair. If you are in the photography project it is a good idea to have your work evaluated.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the contest please reach out to Jay Johnson at 920-449-0519 or jay.johnson2@wisc.edu



Positive Youth Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Essay Contest



A WISCONSIN TREE AND ME: HOW TREES GROW FOOD & FIBER

Entries Due Online by

April 15, 2025

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State Winner

- \$250 Cash Prize
- Award ceremony with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Board
- Essay displayed at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center

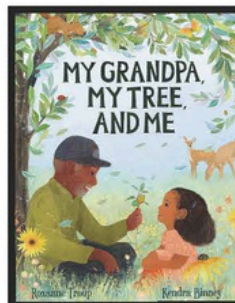
District Winners

- Medal & Prize Pack

Winners in EACH grade division

Wisconsin 4th & 5th graders:
Create an original essay for a chance to win!

Inspired by the
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CALLING ALL THIRD-GRADERS:

You're invited to participate in the
Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to St. Croix Electric Cooperative by **April 30, 2025**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card!** The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

1st place – Chromebook • 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card
3rd place – \$75 Gift Card

Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include the student's name and contact information on the back of the poster.



Contact us at communications@scecn.net or
call Laura Tallman at 715-796-5626.



St. Croix Electric Cooperative (SCEC) is reaching out to 4-H Clubs to let you know about an Electrical Safety Poster Contest that is being sponsored by the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. It's open to all **3rd Graders**, regardless if they are members of our cooperative or not. We thought it may be a fun and creative activity for your Chapter to participate in.

All artwork should be submitted to SCEC by **April 30, 2025**. There will be a \$25 gift card awarded by SCEC and the top three artists will have their artwork entered into the WECA statewide poster contest. See the attached graphic for state-wide prizes and more details.

We would ask that you collect all the posters created by your third-graders and return them to us at:

St. Croix Electric Cooperative
PO Box 160
Hammond, WI 54015

More information can be found at <https://scecn.net/calling-all-third-graders-poster-contest>.