

Welcome to Emily Jensen, 4-H Administrative Staff!!!



Hello, my name is Emily, and I am very excited to be joining the UW-Extension team, and assisting Sarah with the 4-H program!

I come to the team from Lakeshore Technical College, where I worked in Student Records for the past three years. I have a passion for education, public service, and community development, so this position seemed like a perfect fit for me!

I am a Sheboygan native, and Sheboygan is where my family plans to stay. Two years ago, my husband, Mathew, and I put down roots of our own on the north side of town, and together we live with our 9-month-old daughter, Opal, and our cat, Alice. Opal is a bright little girl, who is so curious and eager to explore her world! Alice is a talkative kitty, and a super snuggler!

I am a hardworking, driven, and devoted individual, who is also kind, compassionate, and creative. I am an avid cat lover, an admirer of vintage style, and a houseplant enthusiast! I have over 50 plants in my care at home, and I plan to brighten up my desk with a few more!

Among these things I enjoy, I enjoy spending time with my family most of all. As a new mother, I am amazed by little Opal each and every day, and all the she is learning! Time with her pure joy! Most every weekend we also visit with Opal's grandparents and our nieces too. Family is so important to me!

I hope this helps to get to know me a little better.
I look forward to working with you all, and getting to know you as well!

Sincerely,

Emily Jensen

Happy New Year from us to you!

Sarah, Emily and Tammy

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GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H CLOVERLEAF CRIER ARTICLES

ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS, MEMBERS, and PARENTS can contribute to the articles in the MONTHLY Cloverleaf Crier by completing a short form and uploading their article and any photos to accompany it at <https://forms.gle/dcP2nMfVxtG25rAY6> SAVE THIS LINK! Articles for the upcoming month's Cloverleaf Crier are due to be uploaded in this form by the 20th of each month. Please plan ahead!!!!

4-H GOOGLE CALENDAR

To view our Sheboygan County 4-H Google Calendar go to <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/5/r/>! If you have an event or meeting that you would like to add to the calendar, please complete the following form and we will be sure to add it. The calendar is updated monthly along with distribution of the monthly Cloverleaf Crier. <https://forms.gle/XiWcLwSfyYuKWLzt9>

SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS

Another winter has arrived and maybe with it the snow and ice! We don't want anyone to be stuck out in the cold, so there may be times when it is advisable to cancel county level 4-H meetings. The Extension Office has a meeting information line to keep you updated on any meeting cancellations due to weather! By calling 459.5908 you will hear a recorded message in regards to the latest meeting cancellations or you can check out our website at <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/>. Please note: if classes are cancelled at UW Green Bay – Sheboygan Campus, 4-H night meetings will also be cancelled.

ATTENTION Project Leaders and Committee Chairs!!!...if you are planning on canceling a meeting, please call the Extension Office by 3:00 p.m. Our staff will best be able to support you by sending out an e-mail to project members, updating the meeting information line and the website. Thank you! Our policy is safety first!



FORMS ON THE 4-H WEBSITE?!

Many of our 4-H forms are on our website! Check out our website to find applications for trips, clover awards, scholarships, record book forms, and more: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development>. If you do not find something, please contact our office and we will help you find it or add it to the website to better serve you and other members.

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS

4-H ART WANTED!

We have been asked to team up with the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department to bring some artistic joy to our community! They would like to display 18-24 framed pieces (that already have sturdy hanging devices) of art in one or two of the Health and Human Service Buildings from January through June 2022. Therefore, we would need the art submitted to us by January 2nd.

With all of the beautiful pieces that I saw in the Youth Building this year during the fair, I know that we will be able to help the Health and Human Services Department out with this ask.

We ask for individual artist information that will be attached to the artwork that includes:

- Name of artist
- 4-H Club
- Title of the piece
- Media used
- Size of piece
- Your email



This is going to be on a first come/first serve selection process. So, if you are interested in having your art hung for the public to see, please bring it to our office with the above information attached to it. We will keep a

spreadsheet of information (first name, last name, description of art piece) in our office so that we are able to contact you to get your art back.

We will start with one quality piece per participating member, and if we happen to need more, we will open it up to multiple exhibits. If you have more questions, please feel free to call Sarah at 920-459-5915. Thank you and have a wonderful day!

4-H PROJECT DAY - MARCH 12, 2022

Adult and older youth volunteers are needed to plan and lead our sessions so a registration form can be developed. Sessions will be held in 1-hour blocks of time. If you have something you can show participants how to do, please contact Sarah Tarjeson.



What can you do to help make sure this awesome day happens?

- If you have a craft or project idea you think you could share with a class of up to 12 4-H members within 1- hour, call or email Sarah.
- If you don't have a solid idea of what you could share, don't hesitate to call and brainstorm with Sarah soon as possible.
- If you don't have any idea of what you can make or teach, but you'd like to help with the day anyway, call or Sarah.
- If you know another older youth leader or parent or anyone creative and/or willing to share their skills, make sure they see this request for help.

You get the idea...we need volunteers to put this wonderful opportunity together and we know there are so many talented and inspirational leaders among our teens and adults. Please contact Sarah Tarjeson at sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu or 920-459-5915.



NEW 4-H FAMILY WELCOME

We would like to welcome all new 4-H members and families to the Sheboygan County 4-H Program! We are excited that you have joined and hope you are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun in 4-H. To help you and your family get off to a great start, we are inviting you to dinner and 4-H fun on **Tuesday, January 25th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.** There will be pizza, salad and fun for everyone!

The New 4-H Family Welcome Night is an opportunity for families to gain a better understanding of what 4-H is, learn more about all the great opportunities available for youth and families in 4-H, connect with 4-H staff and leaders and meet other new 4-H families. There will be hands-on activities for the youth and time for individual questions!

All new 4-H families and/or any returning families interested in learning more about the Sheboygan County 4-H Program and all the great opportunities available through 4-H are invited to attend. Please RSVP using the registration form at <https://forms.gle/pP88CggY4CcikmGu5>.

4-H VOLUNTEER & FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CLUB DECISION MAKING CORNER

This is a corner of the Crier to offer suggestions and tips in leading your club and project meetings. Sometimes I'll share Parliamentary Procedure Practices and other times I might give a little tip about how to engage your members at your next meeting. I hope you enjoy these and please let me know how these suggestions work for you!

One fun way to do some brainstorming with your it to **Have a "Snowball Fight"** Here's how . . .



On the top of each sheet of paper, write one question you need a response to. Crumple all of these questions up into a ball and place in a basket. Later, have each participant choose a snowball from the basket and write down ideas related to the question. Display these situations for others to check out later in the experience and vote on.

Ex: *When planning a club banquet write questions such as: What kind of food should we serve? Where should the banquet be held? Who should we have for entertainment? What theme should we have?*

WISCONSIN 4-H POLICY . . . LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!

The Wisconsin 4-H Program is always evolving and we want to provide clear guidance to our leaders and members to ensure safety, security and support your efforts with our young people. In an effort to do this, I'd like to feature an article where we take a closer look at the Wisconsin 4-H Policies each month. Check out the updates, reminders and information here monthly!

4-H Parades Policy

Wisconsin 4-H is committed to providing safe and healthy environments for youth and adults participating in 4-H programs and activities. Preparing floats and participating in parades can be a fun way to promote 4-H, AND there are risks associated with these activities. The [4-H Parades Policy](#) outlines expectations for managing risk associated with vehicles used in parades, as well as youth and adults riding on vehicles or walking in the parade.



All Wisconsin 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>
 All Sheboygan County 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leader-information/leaders-association/>



4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

I am looking for a few good men and women, youth and adults that would be willing to help plan and support the **4-H Arts Festival** tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2022. This committee of volunteers would be responsible for items including but not limited to:

1. **Fine Arts Festival planning** – help us finalize the plans for the big event; obtain judges; make the schedule/timeline for the day; update participation forms; organize additional volunteers; gather ribbons & awards; plan closing ceremony (adults & youth)
2. **Publicity** – help spread the word about the Fine Arts Festival in the Crier, in person and on social media; create videos and share past performances; create postcard mailers (youth with adult guidance)
3. **Day of Event** – be a greeter, a judging assistant, a door monitor, or a stagehand (youth & adults); help prepare the Festival program
4. **Workshops** – do we want to offer any workshops leading up to the event, choose dates, contact presenters, organize supplies (adult & youth partnership)
5. **Endowment Grant** -new ideas to promote participation; apply for a grant from the Endowment Committee to offset expenses of any new opportunities with the festival; grant due Feb 1 (youth with adult guidance)

If you or someone you know might be interested in supporting a committee to plan and implement this event please let me know by January 7th by emailing sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu. Then, please plan to attend our first planning meeting taking place at Extension on Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 P.M. *****PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM WHAT CAME OUT IN AN EARLIER EMAIL!!!!*****

DISTRICT, STATE, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

STATE ARTS TEAM APPLICATIONS

Welcome to the exciting, creative Wisconsin 4-H Arts & Communication World! Attached is a packet of information about the 4-H State Teams: Art Team, Communications Team and Drama Company. Youth grades 9-13 who are passionate about the arts and sharing the arts with others, are encouraged to apply!

To apply to be a team member:

- 1) **Before** completing the online application, please read **all** of the information on the website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/> (Application Information, State Team Job Descriptions, and Application Instructions).
- 2) Complete online application at v2.4honline.com/ Please note: Applications will be found under "events".
- 3) Submit team specific materials as required (see below).

All applications and other required materials must be received by **January 15, 2022**.

PLEASE NOTE: Each state team has Team Specific Instructions. Additionally, some planning events may be held virtually, depending on Extension guidance based on the COVID-19 pandemic.

ART TEAM: In addition to completing the online application, please email 4 photos of your artwork, with each labeled with age, date, and medium it was created in, to Stephanie Kempe at kempesteph@gmail.com.

DRAMA COMPANY: In addition to completing the online application, please email two letters of recommendation to Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu and put *Drama Company* in the Subject. Returning members only need to have one letter. Have the letters address your leadership, 4-H experience, theatre experience (including dance, music, and technical skills) and ability to work with others in a creative setting.

COMMUNICATION TEAM: In addition to completing the online application, please email the following to Justin Lieck at justin.lieck@wisc.edu put *Communications Team* in the Subject:

1. Description of your work in one of the following areas: design, photography, videography, social media or writing and describe how you would like to use your communication talents to tell the story of 4-H in Wisconsin.
2. Samples of your work in one of the four focus areas: design (3 design samples), photography (three digital photographs), videography (two, 2-3 minute video clips that have been edited) or writing (two 1-2 page essays you've written for school or 2, 1-2 page creative writing projects or 2 articles you've written about your 4-H club or group.) Each writing sample should be double-spaced using a 12 pt. font.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

2022 State Team Calendar/Deadlines

January 15	Applications for all 2022 State 4-H Teams (Art/Communications/Drama) completed electronically At https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in and other required materials submitted.
January TBD	Adult Advisor Orientation & Planning Meeting Virtually (Adult Meeting Only)
Mid-February	Notification Letter Sent to All Applicants Regarding State Team Participation in 2022
March 15	Acceptance Form, Payment, and Other Required Forms Due to the State 4-H Office
April 2-4	Spring Planning Weekend for Art Team, Communications Team, and Drama Company at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
June 20-23	Youth Conference
July/August (Possibly)	Art Team and Drama Co at the Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis, WI (Dates will vary for each team.)
November	Communications Team at Fall Forum

If you have questions about any of the information or application procedures, please contact:
Justin Lieck, 608-263-5971, justin.lieck@wisc.edu

WISCONSIN 4-H OUTING WITH THE WISCONSIN HERD

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OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN STREET OSHKOSH, WI 54902



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Join friends and families of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun outing with the Wisconsin Herd! The Herd take on the Maine Celtics (Boston Celtics Affiliate).

All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing tickets through this link will get to participate in the Jockey Spirit Tunnel and receive a free Herd T-Shirt! The 4-H Club will also be the non-profit of the night!

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH, 2022
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM
WISCONSIN HERD TIP OFF 2:30PM
ORDER DEADLINE: JANUARY 5TH
LIMITED INVENTORY! ORDER TODAY!

To purchase tickets go to:
<https://fevo.me/wisconsin4-h>
OR
Scan the QR Code



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM

4-H YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERSHIP

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE AND ADVENTURE CAMPS

CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE HERE: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/> **Due February 1, 2022!!!!**

Camp Staff Applications will be due on **February 1, 2022** and will be available in the next Crier. All older youth 9th grade and older are encouraged and invited to apply. Interviews for this year's Camp Staff will be held on **Tuesday, February 22 from 6-9 p.m.**

This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 10-14, 2022** at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's four days and five nights of pure 4-H camping fun! Get out your calendars and mark those days now because Sheboygan County 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss!

What about Outpost Camp? 2022 Outpost Camp will be held **June 25-28 2022** at **Devil's Lake State Park!** All members grades 7 and up are welcome to join us for 4-H Outpost Camp. This special park adventure will include hiking, swimming, and all kinds of outdoor fun. **SAVE THIS DATE!**

NEXT VIP TRAINING DATES

One of the first steps to have adults begin their leadership in the 4-H Youth Development Program is to participate in the Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) training. Volunteers extend the resources of UW-Extension as they work with staff to deliver educational programs. Volunteering is a privilege. This training supports volunteers by providing an Overview of Extension; helping you to understand volunteer roles and responsibilities; sharing best practices when working with youth and helping you access resources available to you.

Are you a new volunteer in need of VIP training? There are statewide virtual VIP training opportunities:

- Saturday, January 15th (9:00-11:00 am)
- Tuesday, January 25th (6:30-8:30 pm)

You **MUST REGISTER** at least 5 days prior to these events. Registration form: <https://forms.gle/m8TJwwKLcpwprfXm6>

LEARN TOGETHER, LEAD TOGETHER: YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS TRAINING!

Join Wisconsin 4-H in a yearlong experience - **Learn Together, Lead Together: Youth-Adult Partnerships!** We will kick off with two sessions for the 2021-2022 Annual Leader Training. Plan for interaction and engagement, and all youth and adult leaders are invited to participate!



Leave with ideas to use right now in growing youth adult-partnerships in your club and community. We hope all youth and adult leaders join us!

Attend one or both - sessions are designed to bring together youth and adult leaders, and provide easy to use strategies, activities and ideas during your 4-H experiences. Registration details below:

Sheboygan County is offering this session in the virtual settings. Youth and adult participants can register using the links below. Once you register, you will receive the link for the zoom session(s), and be provided information on handouts, reference materials and supporting

documents.

Learn Together, Lead Together: Equal Voices, Roles and Participation

January 31, 2022

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>

Attendance will be recorded. WI 4-H Club annual chartering requires one adult leader from each club or group MUST attend one of the Annual Leader Training sessions. Have questions? Please call Sarah at 920-459-5915. #youthandadults #learntogether #leadtogether

Sheboygan County 4-H Members grades 7 and up! Join us for return and kick-off of the

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

There will be several exciting events coming up this winter for older youth members to participate in. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us:

Friday, January 28th – A 4-H Dance hosted by Calumet County 7:00-10:00 p.m. Cobblestone Creek, Brillion, WI Carpooling to be planned. Tickets must be purchased in advance so please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/WAczn17xUvtxgXhf9>

Tuesday, February 15th – **4-H Older Youth Bowling Party**, Location TBD, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 13th – **Wisconsin Herd Game and 4-H Event!** **TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BY January 5th so REGISTER HERE NOW:** <https://forms.gle/Jwn87V7GrZTPpxFK9>

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION



JANUARY COUNTY-WIDE CLOVERBUD MEETING

The Cloverbuds are having a lot of fun each month! Join us on **Thursday, January 20 at 6:00 pm** at the UW Extension office (5 University Drive, Sheboygan) for some exciting winter STEM activities. We will work together on a few projects involving snow, ice and possibly marshmallows! Afterward we will enjoy a book and a snack. See you there!

4-H SCRAPBOOKING PROJECT

Liz Stokdyk, has been enthusiastically offering several countywide scrapbooking project meetings throughout the upcoming year. With donations from various companies and the Walmart volunteer program many of the supplies will be provided. Please get these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend, create, and enjoy the company of other crafty members. The next meeting will take place **January 25th at 6:30 p.m.** in the kitchenette at the UWEX-GB Sheboygan campus. Members will create paper coasters. The next meeting is **February 22nd**, same time and place. Members will have fun scrapbooking with magnetic pages. Please RSVP to Liz at l.stokdyk@yahoo.com so she can make sure she has enough supplies. Please contact her too if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

YOUR INVITED TO JOIN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WOOL SPINNING PROJECT

Washington County Wool Spinning Project leader would like to invite any youth in Sheboygan County interested in spinning wool to the project meetings in West Bend. Any questions please contact leader Lisa Shuppe at lshuppe@yahoo.com! The first monthly 2022 Wool Spinning Project Meeting Date will be January 26; 6:30 - 8:30 pm Washington County Public Agency Center

4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT NEWS



The 1st Mandatory Handbook Meeting – January 27, 2022 6:30 pm – UW Sheboygan Wombat Room - Join us to find out all the exciting things happening this year! This meeting is geared towards first year members & Horseless Horse Grooms but can be attended by anyone. We will go into more detail for those that may not be as familiar with the project. All members must attend one of the 2 Mandatory Handbook meetings. The second Handbook meeting will be held **February 22nd, 2022.**

Educational Team meetings are being held on **Thursday nights at 6:30pm** at Odyssey Fun Center in Sheboygan Falls. Come check out what all the buzz is about! If you have any questions, contact Crystal Osieczonek at 920-254-4778 or crystal.osieczonek@gmail.com.

Horse & Pony Committee meeting will be held January 24th, 6:30pm at UW Extension Office. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend! We would love to have your input on what you would like to see in the upcoming year.

Horseless Horse Grooms & Coaches – Please get your forms in to Sam Bruggink by the 2nd Mandatory Meeting Feb 22! Link to forms: Horseless Horse forms: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-information/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>

If you have questions, please contact your 2021-2022 committee chairperson: Emma Sanderson

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H and Horse & pony project websites for lots of relevant information:
<https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>
<https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>
or join us on our facebook group: sheboygan county 4-h horse & pony project
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/132688922021833/>

RABBIT/CAVY PROJECT

Below is a list of the Rabbit/Cavy Project meetings scheduled for 2022:

Tuesday, February 22 – 6:00-7:00 pm (Cavy) 7:00-8:00 pm (Rabbit) (UWEX Office)
Tuesday, March 22 – 6:00-7:00 pm (Cavy) 7:00-8:00 pm (Rabbit) (UWEX Office)
Tuesday, April 26 – 6:00-7:00 pm (Cavy) 7:00-8:00 pm (Rabbit) (UWEX Office)
Tuesday, May 24 – Fun Show – 5:00pm registration, 6:00pm Judging at Fair Park
Tuesday, June 28 – 6:00-7:00pm (Cavy) 7:00-8:00 pm (Rabbit) (UWEX Office)
Tuesday, July 26 – 6:00-7:00pm (Cavy) 7:00-8:00 pm (Rabbit) (UWEX Office)

Any questions please call Barb Scholten at 920-980-4219

4-H POULTRY PROJECT INFORMATION

Welcome to another year of the Poultry Project! We have scheduled 3 meetings for this year. All meetings are at the UWEX office starting at 6:30 pm.

Thurs. January 20, 2022
Thurs. March 17, 2022
Thurs. June 16, 2022

Our January meeting will have Dave Latch as our guest speaker. Dave is a retired Ag teacher and a breeder of exhibition poultry. Dave has judged poultry at our fair in the past. He will be discussing the development of the "Standard of Perfection" which is what all birds are judged by.



All members are required to attend at least one meeting to be able to show your birds at the fair. Attending all 3 is strongly suggested. If you are new to the project you are welcome to call Warren Clemens at 920-918-5654 to get some background on how the project works.



DOG PROJECT ARTWORK NEEDED!

The Dog Project board is looking for your help in designing a new t-shirt for 2022! If you have an idea for a t-shirt and sweatshirt design for next year's season, please send them to Caroline Danforth at custombycandc@gmail.com on or before January 16th, 2022! The Dog Project board will review the entries at the January meeting and choose a design.

ANIMAL SCIENCES VIRTUAL EDUCATION SERIES A part of the Wisconsin Youth Livestock program

This series of ZOOM meetings hosted by **Wisconsin Youth Livestock** have been approved as qualifying meetings to meet your educational requirements for the 2022 *Sheboygan County meat animal sale*. The only species specific meeting would be the March 10th meeting which would be specific to swine. Preregistration is required. Any questions please reach out to your Sheoygan County Livestock Committee Mmembers.

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension, are excited to

offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2022. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. [You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.](#)

This series of ZOOM meetings from Wisconsin Youth Livestock has been approved as meeting the educational requirements for the 2022 Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale. Preregistration is required so they can send you the ZOOM link. You will need to complete and submit an educational form to receive meeting credit. This can be a paper copy which can be found on the UW-Extension website at <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/04/2021-Youth-Livestock-Form-.pdf> or an electronic submission using this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o9XMchdaRZpcpBS-N6J061vslYn2LsMJNtgPwBPoow8/edit?ts=6070ba78> . If you have questions please contact a member of the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee for assistance.

These sessions will provide awareness and knowledge of animal agriculture in these challenge areas with details on careers and how this area connects with your animal project. There will be a case study to further develop discussion skills with their local project leader, agriculture, and or science teacher on the discussion topic. Younger youth can gain more insight through a take-home activity discussed with parents and or project leaders.

[Registration for the sessions](#) (You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.) Keep coming back to this webpage for more updates on program information.

- January 13 – Grand Challenge: Animal Health & Welfare
- February 10 – Grand Challenge: Precision Agriculture
- March 10 – Grand Challenge: Food Safety
Pork carcass evaluation, fabrication and cooking with pork
- April 14 – Grand Challenge: Land and Water
- May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

For more information contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu .

AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS TO BE HOSTED IN SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 2022!!!!

RE: Livestock, Dairy, Horse, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry members and leaders,

Sheboygan County 4-H is known to have excellent youth and adult leadership in animal projects. Our 4-H animal committees and project areas are strong and knowledgeable and have built up some of the finest 4-H programs in the State. With that, we have been asked to be one of 2/3 host sites in the state for the 2022 Area Animal Science Day. The last time Sheboygan County 4-H hosted the Area Animal Science Day was in 2005.

Area Animal Science Days is an educational opportunity available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, it is a series of three day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of animals, showmanship contests, fun-show events, educational speakers, skill-a-thon competitions, hippology, and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects which may include goats or poultry.

Area Animal Science Days strives:

- To increase the availability of educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects.
- To increase decision-making skills through judging and grading experiences.
- To increase the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information.



More information about past Area Animal Science Day Events can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>

Some of you may have helped with the last one, while many of you might be thinking that this day sounds like an amazing opportunity for youth, and how you can be involved. What we really are looking for are volunteers to help. For the best success, we will need a committee of volunteers to cover each of the species that will be represented. These do not necessarily need to be current project committee members but each committee could appoint at least two representatives to serve in the AASD Committee being pulled together. Finally, for a successful day, a lot of volunteer support will be needed for the day of the event.

I would like to pull a committee meeting together to start the planning process. **Please call or email me by January 15th, if you have chosen or have been appointed as a species representative to this worthwhile program opportunity.**

I am tentatively scheduling a meeting for **Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00 P.M.** to begin the conversation and brainstorming regarding the opportunities we'd like to see and the tasks that need to be completed in order to make this event a WILD success! *****PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE FROM WHAT CAME OUT IN AN EARLIER EMAIL!!!*****

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Happy New Year! We are hoping to provide a flexible schedule for participating this year, similar to the "Pre-COVID" experience. However, like we have all come to realize, the COVID protocols are ever-changing, and we will work with what we need to when the time comes. Look for an email in late January/early February announcing our mandatory organizational meeting. It is our hope to conduct the meeting in person, as it is much easier to collect forms and fees that way. For members that have participated in the past, (this event is not recommended for new members) mark your calendars for the Tri-County Tournament (more information will follow):

Friday & Saturday, April 1st & 2nd, 2022
Tri County Tournament - Archery, Air Rifle, Wildlife Contest, & Team Competition
Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest
Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H – Statewide WHEP Contest
Wisconsin 4-H Forestry – Statewide FORESTRY Contest
Family Fun Feature Activities

PARENTS – WE NEED YOU to become state certified instructors in order for this program to continue. Information for a certification workshop in Washington County and information regarding other opportunities throughout the year can be found at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/> If you have any questions, please call or text: Warren 920-838-0939 or Rhonda 920-528-7774

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS NEEDED!

A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a 4-H certified leader supervising the range.

Requirements for Attending an Adult Certification Workshop:

1. Be an approved 4-H leader in your county through 4-H Online
2. Age 21 or older.
3. National 4-H Shooting Sport Online training completed. (Only need to complete it once.)
4. Register for a certification workshop of choice through 4-H Online and pay fee (only one certification can be obtained at a Saturday workshop)
5. Attend the complete 8 hours of a Saturday certification workshop.

More information and training dates are available at this link:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

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Website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> Email: wildlife4h@wisc.edu

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities are open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.



Astronomical Factoids

Astronomy is one of the oldest natural sciences. Humans have been using the stars and planets to navigate, establish calendars and understand natural phenomenon. One of the oldest and most recognizable constellations is the Big Dipper. The Big Dipper is a clipped version of the constellation Ursa Major the Greater Bear, with the Big Dipper stars outlining the Bear's tail and hindquarters. In the lore of the Mi'kmaq nation in northern Canada, the Big Dipper is a Celestial Bear, and the three stars of the handle are hunters chasing the Bear. In autumn, the hunters finally catch up with the Bear and it's said that the blood from the Bear colors the landscape. When the Celestial Bear is seen on the northern horizon in late fall and early winter evenings, it's a sign that the hibernation season is upon us. The Big Dipper moves about 4 minutes per day - arriving in its same spot one year later. How can you tell stars from planets and satellites? The planets follow about the same path as the sun. During the day, pay attention to where the sun travels across the sky. After dark, look along the same path for the planets. Planets reflect a steady light. With binoculars, a star is a point of light while a planet looks round. The best time to spot a satellite is about one hour after sunset. Since satellites don't have flashing lights like airplanes you will only see them when they are in sunlight. After sunset, it is dark on earth, but satellites are so high that the sun is still shining on them. Most satellites move from west to east.

2022 Wildlife & Woods Virtual Classes Coming Soon!

More Wildlife and Woods Virtual Sessions: Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry virtual event.

Outdoor enthusiasts get to connect with other 4-H youth grades 3-13 from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and forests. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Each month focuses on a different habitat, some of its plants and critters. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-led by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful.

Youth leaders can research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Shannon Stege: wildlife4h@wisc.edu

To register for the virtual sessions, watch your e-mail for a message from 4-H online. The registration link will also be in the January TRACKS Newsletter. Mark your 2022 calendars for the third Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Jan 19 - Wonderful Wetlands; Feb 16 - Hot Desert; Mar 16 - City Wildlife; Apr 20 - Great Lakes

WHEP & Forestry Contest - April 1st & 2nd, 2022.

It's time to start preparing for the upcoming contest. Most of the contest questions come out of the following manuals. The "Wildlife Management Concepts & Terms" is the best place to start learning the wildlife basics. The National WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Manual www.whep.org/ and the National Forestry Manual www.4hforestryinvitational.org/ are nationally accredited resources. It's also available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> or email us anytime. Please email us and we will let you know which animals will be covered in the contest.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest

April 1st & 2nd, 2022. It's time to start taking pictures and getting ideas for entries in the upcoming contest. There are 18 categories & 4 groups: K-5-2nd grade, 3-6th grade, 7-9th grade, & 10-13th grade.

Do you need wildlife & forestry activities to do in your county?

Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry committee members and youth leaders can do age specific hands-on activities in your county. We'll train your youth and adult leaders at the same time. Parents, youth, and adult leaders are encouraged to participate to find out how easy it is to lead these hands-on activities. Contact us anytime and reserve your program dates.

"Backyard & Back 40" Wildlife & Forestry Activities

Just let us know and we'll email you Wildlife/Forestry Activities - Anytime or Anywhere, along with Wildlife WHEP and Forestry Class Topics. There are topics for every interest and age group in the listings and we have more topics if needed. 1.) Raising Beetles to control Invasive Purple Loosestrife, 2.) Building Bat Houses, 3.) Improving Habitat for Pollinators, 4.) Building Butterfly/Rain Gardens & Project Milkweed, 5.) Improving Habitat for Migrating Land Birds & Bird Watching, 6.) Improving Upland Bird Habitats, 7.) Water & Riparian Areas Improvements, 8.) Forestry Fundamentals & Management Practices, 9.) Trees for Wildlife, Recreation, & A Renewable Resource, 10.) Maps, Topography, Compass, & GPS, 11.) Viewing Wildlife & Camera Hunting, 12.) And more.

Kerri, "TRACKS" Editor

Special Thanks are extended to the following for making the "Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H" & "Wisconsin 4-H Forestry" programs possible: Northern Kettle Moraine Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Forestry – Washington County; Safari Club International (SCI) Wisconsin Chapter; Wisconsin Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation; Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Friends & State Committee Members. Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Advisor: Carlea Liermann, Calumet Co. 4-H Program Educator



4-H REGISTRATION FORMS

4-H NEW FAMILY WELCOME NIGHT REGISTRATION

January 25, 2022, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

4-H Club: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please RSVP using the registration form at <https://forms.gle/pP88CggY4CcikmGu5> or by printing and returning this paper form to Sheboygan County 4-H, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 By: January 21