



FACILITATING YOUTH SPARKS at PROJECT DAY!

A spark is a passion for a self-identified interest or skill, or a capacity that metaphorically lights a fire in an young person's life, providing energy, joy, purpose, and direction .

Youth sparks are an essential ingredient of thriving. Having a spark or sparks gives a young person a sense of direction and encourages goal setting. Sparks are different from mere leisure activity in that:

1. Sparks create actions that not only contribute to the benefit of the young person, but also society at large;
2. Sparks provide the intrinsic fuel for a young person's growth in knowledge and skill;
3. Sparks enhance a young person's networks as he or she encounters others with similar sparks, particularly adults with expertise who can facilitate learning and opportunities for engagement.

Furthermore, sparks appear to be a protective factor for young people, keeping them out of trouble because of the young person's intense focus on the source of their spark. Sparks, in turn, motivate youth to succeed in other areas of their lives, such as personal, social and academic.

Every young person has the potential to have a spark, and 4-H plays an important role in helping young people discover and pursue their sparks. In some cases, it is a matter of helping youth recognize their spark when their spark has already found them!

One day where our program facilitates youth sparks in particular is 4-H Project Day which is coming up on Saturday, March 12th from 9:00am – 12:15pm at the UWGB-Sheboygan campus. Kids will participate in three different one hour block sessions ranging from arts and crafts, fun with food, and scientific experiments!

Adults and older youth are needed to volunteer to set-up and clean-up. If you are available to help, please contact Emily Jensen at ejensen6@wisc.edu or 920-459-5903. Thank 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>

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UWGB - SHEBOYGAN

4-H is heating up (even if the rest of the state is frigid) and that means that there are many opportunities taking place on any given night. We are doing our best to accommodate project, club and other countywide meetings here at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County as well as being good neighbors to other campus programs. **JUST A REMINDER TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THIS SPACE!** Clean up after your group, if you need a vacuum please let us know, be quiet in the halls and respectful of students and teachers. Cleaning supplies can always be found in Room 5018!

SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS

Winter is here, and with it come 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 920-459-5908 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

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE AND ADVENTURE CAMPS

Registration opens April 1, 2022 – Stay Tuned!

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!**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP RIVERSITE!

SPRING DISCOVERY WALK

Nature awakens in spring and our woodlands have so much to show you! We'll take this time to discover the plants, animals, and everything else that is coming back to life during this amazing time of year.



Don't miss this family hike because it will have something for everyone! We will spend time discovering in the woods then (hopefully!) have a fun craft afterwards!

Date: March 19, 2022

Time: 10am-12pm

This event is free but we always accept donations to help cover program expenses. Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 at emt_mmt@yahoo.com with questions.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars! Come to 4-H Camp Riversite for our Earth Day celebration! We will be hosting family activities, including making a bee waterer for you to take home.



Earth Day began in 1970 and within 20 years spread to environmental recognition and protection within the entire world. We hope to participate in just a small part of this by providing information and activities to educate the next generation on the importance of preserving the Earth and environment we have left.

Date: April 23, 2022

Time: 10am-1pm

This event is free but donations are always accepted to help cover expenses. Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 at emt_mmt@yahoo.com to RSVP or for more information

4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Sheboygan County 4-H Fine Arts Festival will take place at the Plymouth High School auditorium on **April 2nd!** This is a first-class event where youth grades K-12 have the opportunity to showcase their visual, communication, and performance art talents. The event is open to the public to participate and to spectate. Categories include:

Communication Arts Categories:

- A. Poster
- B. Creative Writing
- C. Demonstration
- D. Informative or Persuasive Speaking
- E. Interpretive Reading
- F. Photography
- G. Arts and Crafts (Other)

Musical Categories:

- H. Vocal Performance
- I. Instrumental Categories
- J. Dance

Club Music and Drama Categories:

- K. Drama/Skit – Narration and dialogue only
- L. Musical Theater – Songs with dialogue
- M. Musical Ensemble – A series of songs, no dialogue



Registration is due March 7th, 2022 and can be accessed [HERE](#) to access the registration forms.

WI 4-H FOUNDATION AWARD WINNING ARTISTS
Congratulations to Link Bimmel, Waverly Bimmel, Gage Bimmel (Honorable Mentions) and Kallen Ruben (Emerging Artist)!

These Sheboygan County 4-H'ers were awards winners in the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest. With more than 100 entries, the contest was extremely competitive. A panel of judges chose one Best of Show; eight works as category winners, and 11 Honorable Mention awardees.

The Best of Show and category winners will be purchased by the Foundation and used to raise funds to support 4-H arts and communications programs, like Arts Lab, ArtBEAT! and the state communications, arts and culinary teams. Honorable Mention award winners have been given the option to sell their piece to the Foundation, but they are not required to do so.

The Foundation is working on an online Art Auction, to be held virtually from Wednesday, April 20 until Tuesday, April 26. The auction will support 4-H arts and communications programs, like Arts Lab, ArtBEAT! and the state communications, arts and culinary teams. Many of the prize-winning creations will be used for that auction.

We are asking each artist winning awards as Best of Show, category first place or Honorable Mention (if they are selling their art to the Foundation) to work with their County Educator to get their artwork to the county Extension Office no later than Monday, February 7. We will then coordinate pick up of the art with you with the goal of getting all of the art to Madison by mid-February.

In addition, the panel of judges also 12 Emerging Artist award winners. These artists will receive a prize in recognition of their outstanding work, but will not be asked to participate in the online art auction. The complete list of award winners is included with this email below.

WI 4-H STATE AND NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WISCONSIN YOUTH CONFERENCE CANCELED FOR 2022

It is with disappointment that we share the decision to cancel the Youth Conference for the summer of 2022. This annual event, which brings together over 400 young people in grades 7-10 on the UW-Madison campus, has long been a stepping stone in the 4-H experience.

Youth Conference is an important part of the Wisconsin 4-H Program, and we look forward to its return in 2023. Youth Conference is:

- A developmental opportunity at a critical age for youth to spend time on campus, meet other youth from across Wisconsin, and learn about post-secondary pathways and personal growth.
- A key event for many of the state 4-H teams to learn and apply leadership skills and develop strong youth-adult partnerships. Teams such as the Wisconsin Leadership Council, 4-H Drama Company, 4-H Arts Team, 4-H Communication Team, and the Youth Conference Planning Committee come together each year to plan and execute this statewide event.
- A motivator for youth to maintain participation in their 4-H clubs at an age when youth benefit from expanding engagement beyond the club level.

The path to determine this decision was not clear and many different perspectives and realities were investigated. The planning of the event was delayed due to the uncertainty of the landscape in which the COVID pandemic has created and the vacancy in the lead state staff position responsible for organizing and implementing large events, such as Youth Conference. We determined we had too little time to provide a well-run, well-executed youth-adult planned event.

Currently, staff and volunteers are engaged in conversations to determine alternative programming that may be offered yet in the summer of 2022. Although not Youth Conference, we hope to provide opportunities for young people to learn, lead, and grow on campus, while also simultaneously planning to ensure a widely successful Youth Conference in 2023.

We are thankful for your patience and perseverance throughout these challenging years. We are dedicated to supporting a growing and thriving Wisconsin 4-H program and look forward to the months and years ahead.

With gratitude,
Matt Calvert
Director, Institute for Positive Youth Development

Jessica Jens
Associate Director, Wisconsin 4-H Program

4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE YOU: 4-H MOVEMENT DESIGN CONTEST

Have you heard about Chris Clover and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement? Hopefully, you have and are ready to join in on Chris Clover's next adventure. This time it's all about YOU. We hope you'll help us learn something new through the "We Want You To Be You Shirt Design Challenge."

The Challenge

We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else! Here's more information:

[Design Contest Poster \(PDF\)](#)

[Design Contest Poster \(digital\)](#)

Here's what to do:

Download the Chris Clover shirt template from the options below, or if you want to create your own or free draw, please do!

1. [PDF Printable](#)
2. [Digital Graphic \(PNG Transparent\)](#)
3. [Digital Graphic \(PNG white\)](#)
4. [Digital Graphic \(Adobe Illustrator editable\)](#)
5. Create your shirt about a cause, project, history, anything important to you.

Write about your shirt and any information or resources you have that will help others learn. Submit your design at <http://bit.ly/wi4hmovementpic>. We can't wait to learn about what is important to you! For more information about Chris Clover and The Wisconsin 4-H Movement, please visit <http://cc.wi4h.org>.

Designs must uphold the values of Wisconsin 4-H and may need to be edited to fit the Chris Clover design. By submitting a design, you agree for it to be used on social media and for promotional and educational purposes.

2023 4-H ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY

**Registration
Opens
July 1**

Activities Include:

- High / Low Ropes Course
- NASA Simulators
- Russian Language Lessons
- Scuba Diving
- Fighter Jet Simulators
- Advanced Rocketry
- Meeting NASA Engineers
- Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training
- STEM Challenges
- Simulated Space Mission
- International Space



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Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.



Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

Dates: January 21—27, 2023

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

Lodging: Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

Meals: All meals will be included in the price.

Transportation: Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

Registration: July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

More information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu

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!

If, Then Activity

This activity contains cards and examples of "If, Then" statements that can be used with youth and adults to help solve problems and build stronger Youth-Adult partnerships. This activity includes instructions, along with two files types of downloadable/printable "If, Then" cards. Materials can be printed from <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/if-then-activity/>

INCREASING OR RETAINING MEMBERSHIP

This fall, when clubs and groups submitted 4-H Charter Applications, the 2nd most popular goal was to "Increase or Retain Membership." Is your club one of the 266 groups that submitted this as a goal for 2022? Here are some ideas that you can use to reach your goal:

Ideas for Increasing Membership:

- Bring-a-friend gathering at meeting: at an upcoming meeting, ask each member to invite a friend to join in and see what 4-H is all about!
- Invite the news to your club's fun event – or take a LOT of pictures and submit them to your local news after the event.
- Talk it up in school! Do a 4-H themed research project – share with classmates.
- Ask a friend with a fun hobby to teach a skill at your club meeting.
- Write an article for your school newsletter about your favorite things your club has to offer.

Ideas for Retaining Membership:

- Have a moving survey for your club. Make placemats to represent the 4 essential elements of youth development: Belonging, Generosity, Independence and Mastery. Ask members to stand at the element that their club does really well. Ask them to stand where the club could improve.
- Bonus points – ask youth who would like to be on a subcommittee to make these improvements!
- Create a routine at club meetings to make "connection before content." Find some silly icebreakers or a challenging team building activity. This could be another club leader position or subcommittee depending on the size of your club.

Here are some resources that might be helpful if you're working towards this goal:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hpublications/files/2015/10/Mentoring.pdf>

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hpublications/files/2015/10/RecruitingforYourClubcc051.pdf>

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!

EEO/AA Statements - Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Statements

The University of Wisconsin **EEO/AA Statement** must be placed on the first or last page of all public documents. They are available in English and Spanish, along with the situations to use various statements, for example, position vacancies, brochures, etc., at this link https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4zV60bx_F27MIVxcGpkXy1Id0E/view?usp=sharing

If the publication is in regards to an event, an **Accommodation Statement** must be communicated to participants in your program on marketing and program enrollment materials, website, etc. so that they know how to request if needed. Accommodation statements are also available at the link above.

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/>

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: **Thursday, March 31 6:30-8:30 p.m.** You MUST REGISTER at least 5 days prior to these events. Registration form: <https://forms.gle/dpdTzs8FMJ5gwDm96>

WE SUPPORT YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

In December, the Surgeon General warned of a growing crisis in youth mental health. He stated, "Mental health challenges in children, adolescents, and young adults are real, and they are widespread. But most importantly, they are treatable, and often preventable."

In Wisconsin 4-H, we understand our important role in helping to build emotional health in youth. Volunteers help through belonging, safe and welcoming spaces, and caring adults. A new training supports you as volunteers, as you support youth. It's important to know how to be there youth when they're down, whether it's simply a bad day or it's more than that.

Available to All Volunteers; Required for Some

The Supporting Youth Mental Health for Volunteers training is available to all adult volunteers who want to learn to: Know when a youth might be struggling; Talk to and support them and Get more help when needed

For this year, in-person, overnight youth experiences will need to have at least two adults trained and on-site for any overnight experience. In 2023, the training will be required for all volunteers enrolled as chaperons, or adult advisors.

Get Trained

The training has two parts:

- 1-hour online training
- 1.5-2-hour live training—offered virtually or in-person

Find a time that works for your schedule! We offer a wide range of dates and time for the live training. They are listed on the [Supporting YMH web page](#). Click the link to register for the session you plan to attend. You will get an email about how to get started with the online training, which must be completed before the live training. Waivers are available for those who have recently completed Youth Mental Health First Aid or have extensive professional training. See the [Supporting YMH web page](#) for more information.

Questions? Contact Monica at monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377.

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE

In order to receive fair premiums, Junior Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or another youth organization and the projects in which they are exhibiting by the following Deadlines:

ANIMAL, BLACKSMITHING & SHOOTING PROJECTS

March 1st of the Exhibit Year

ALL NON- ANIMAL PROJECTS (New as of 2017)

May 1st of the Exhibit Year

To do this go online to: <https://wi.4honline.com>. Go to your family account and change your projects under "participation". Please let your General Leader know that you have changed projects.



FEBRUARY CLOVERBUD MEETING

Join us for a Cloverbud community service project on **Thursday, March 17 from 6-7!** We will make cat beds for the cats at the humane society and possibly make some dog toys as well. Please bring either a jar of peanut butter or a bag of dog or cat treats to add to the donation. We will meet at UW Extension (5 University Drive). All kids kindergarten- grade 2 welcome. See you there!



4-H SCRAPBOOKING PROJECT

Hi everyone! We have one more make & take meeting left before we start the demonstration/open scrapbook meetings. The meeting is at the UWEX-GB Sheboygan in the kitchenette, and will start at **6:30 pm on March 22nd**. We will be having fun scrapbooking with magnetic pages. Please, RSVP, so I may get a idea of the amount of supplies I will need. You can reach me at .stokdyk@yahoo.com. Thank you!

IMPORTANT 2022 SHEBCO FAIR ENTRY CHANGES FOR BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

As the new year is here, it's time to start thinking about the 2022 fair. There have been some changes in the fair exhibitors entry books and we thought we would share them with you as you make your decisions about fair entries. You can find these changes for the beef project at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-information/4-h-projects/beef-sheep-swine-projects/>

If you have any questions, feel free to call the fair office at 920-893-5751.

CAT PROJECT NEWS

OPEN HOUSEHOLD PET CAT SHOW COMING MAY 1ST

The Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project will hold its 27th annual **Open Household Pet Cat Show on Sunday, May 1st** at the Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center in Sheboygan. This show is for all cat exhibitors age 8 and up – no need to be in 4H! The show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and feature cat costume contest, decorated cage contest, vendors, raffles and a silent auction. Food will be served. **The deadline to enter cat(s) is April 17th or when cage space has been met.** Entry fee starts at \$15 per cat; limited financial assistance may be available by emailing sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com.

This year's show theme is "Around the World." This is a vetted show, proof of animal vaccination will be required, and all exhibitors must abide by 4H COVID-19 health guidelines. **Get an entry form with complete details by emailing sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com.**

"Around the World"



We are looking for Vendors and Sponsors! Please email Alice at amsamse@charter.net for information on providing a financial sponsorship or in-kind donation or to inquire about serving as a vendor at the show – we are seeking family-oriented crafters/vendors of all kinds.

Spectators are welcome! Admission will be \$2 per person age 6 and older or a cat food donation for a local shelter.

Follow us on Facebook: Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project

Questions? Email sheboygan4hcatproject@gmail.com

The Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project has something for everyone!

FOX RIVER CAT CLUB HOUSEHOLD PET CAT SHOW



The Fox River Valley Cat Club would like to invite 4 H members to show their cats at our Household Pet Cat Show! The show will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2022 from noon to 4:00 pm at the Winnegamie Dog Club (2043 Manitowoc Rd in Menasha). If someone has never shown a cat before, this is a great place to start. Members of the cat club will be there to help out and answer questions.

You can be a spectator or register a cat to be part of the show:

Spectator Pricing: Adults-\$3.00, Children & Seniors-\$2.00, Family-\$8.00

Registration Pricing: Pre-registration fee is \$10.00 per cat for 4-H members- deadline is March 30, 2022

This is a vetted show and cages will be provided. Minimum age for kittens is 4 months. Pregnant cats may NOT be shown. For more detailed information, and for the registration form, view the full event flyer using the link below: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hFBTC5kT977Ud9RWqz9wkQqVdLu5CN8n/view?usp=sharing>

DOG PROJECT NEWS

Thank you to everyone who submitted t-shirt design ideas!

The final mandatory orientation and paperwork meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:30 at the Extension Office. Members must attend **one** of these orientation meetings.

In-person training will begin on Tuesday, April 26th (for agility), and Thursday, April 28th (for rally, obedience, and showmanship). These will cover paperwork and set-up so please do not bring your dogs. Regular training sessions with dogs begin Tuesday, May 3rd (agility) and Thursday, May 5th (rally, obedience, and showmanship).

4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT NEWS

NEW TIP SHEETS FOR THE 4-H HORSE PROJECT

Join us for a special release of two new tip sheets for the Horse Project. The release event will be on Tuesday, March 8 at 7PM on Zoom.



The **Horse Project Leader Sheet** is for adult volunteers and youth leaders. The **Youth Horse Project Sheet** is for youth participants in the Horse Project. A team of Horse Project youth leaders, adult volunteers, and Extension educators created the tip sheets.

The sheets:

- Guide project growth through beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels
- Highlight selected 4-H project curriculum
- Focus on safety, learning, and youth leadership.
- Include tips for keeping records and showing what they learned
- Provide career ideas

Click this link (<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtc-yvrz8pG9JaCEkvMvhHcnych2DkhdjU>) to register for the release event. The session will be recorded for later viewing.

Questions? Contact Monica Lobenstein at monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377.

If you're interested in **Renegades English Drill Team** – contact Emma Sanderson.

MORE HORSE AND PONY NEWS

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.

There are a lot of Tack sales in the area over the next couple of months – many being held by our neighboring counties 4-H Horse Projects. If you're looking for something, or just ready to get out & about in this cold weather, check them out & support our 4-H neighbors at the same time. See our calendar for local events! <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=schp4h@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

If you have questions, please contact your 2021-2022 Committee Chairperson: Emma Sanderson

Our website & Facebook page have been updated with the latest info & documents! Check out the Sheboygan County 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/>

KEWAUNEE COUNTY MODEL HORSE SHOW

Kewaunee County is hosting a 4-H Model Horse Show on Saturday, March 19th at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds! The Open Model Horse Show is open to all, and the cost to participate is \$0.50 per entry and \$5.00 per table. There will also be a silent auction from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (donations are being accepted). For more information and details on the show bill and rules, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/kewaunee4h/2022/02/07/kewaunee-co-4-h-horse-project-open-model-horse-show/>. If you have questions, contact Darlene Boeder at 920-676-4580.

RABBIT/CAVY PROJECT

The March Rabbit & Cavy Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd, 6pm – 7pm Cavy Meeting & 7pm – 8 pm Rabbit Meeting at the UWEX-GB in Rooms 5020 & 5022. Topics to be discussed will be rabbit/cavy breeds, diseases, preventative care. Any questions please text or call Barb Scholten 920-980-4219.

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

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)

4-H POULTRY PROJECT INFORMATION



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

Thurs. March 17, 2022

Thurs. June 16, 2022

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.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Our mandatory organizational meeting will be held at the Plymouth Riverview Middle School on March 8, 2022. Watch your mailboxes for our informational letter and necessary forms. The doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. for Waiver/Code of Conduct forms to be processed and fees to be collected and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp. We have a very large group of members again this year, so please plan to arrive with ample time to have your paperwork processed before 7:00 p.m. It is our goal to have the meeting conclude at 8:00 p.m. sharp!

The Tri-County Tournament is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd. Forms will be available at the meeting and completed forms collected on March 8th. Please note that first year members are not encouraged to participate in Tri-County Tournament. We look forward to seeing everyone on March 8th! Warren Bohrmueller – 920-838-0930 and Rhonda Bohrmueller – 920-528-7774

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/showing-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

MEAT ANIMAL SALE ORIENTATION MEETING

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is offering an Orientation Meeting for all youth enrolled in the beef, sheep and swine projects April 7th at 7PM at the UW Extension Office in Sheboygan. The Committee will review the Meat Animal Sale rules, educational requirements, identification requirements and answer any questions exhibitors may have. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to ask questions and meet the committee members they can go to with future questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEAT ANIMAL SALE GRANT PROGRAM

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is sponsoring a grant program for current 4-H & FFA Livestock Project members. The grant program was developed to recognize individuals who want to improve their project through past experiences and new opportunities. Youth currently signed up for the beef, sheep or swine project are eligible to apply and interview for the Livestock Project grant. Applicants will be rated based on their drive to progress their projects and financial need for the item identified the money will be used for. Up to nine individuals will be chosen to receive \$400 in order to progress in their project. A thorough explanation of the grants is available on the Extension website or can be received by emailing shebco.mas@gmail.com. If you have any questions please email shebco.mas@gmail.com. Grant applications are due March 4th and interviews will be conducted on April 2nd, 2022.

YQCA CERTIFICATION Youth in Livestock Projects

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.



Completion of YQCA is a requirement to sell in the 2022 Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale and if you are planning to exhibit your animals, including poultry, at the Wisconsin State Fair. If you are a youth in the beef, sheep or swine projects in Sheboygan County, you must complete this training and turn in your certificate to the Meat Animal Sale Committee in order to meet one of your education requirements for sale eligibility.

The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee and the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee have held lengthy discussions as to how to hold this training in person this year. However, due to several concerns it has been decided that YQCA training will be 100% on line this year. You can sign up to complete your YQCA certification at this link: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. 4-H members will login using 4-H online that is accessible through this link. FFA members will have a separate login option which is also found by following this link. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee. The list of 2022 committee members can be found on the UW-Extension Website.

YQCA CHANGE: IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!!!!!!

By now you should have received a letter from the YQCA board illustrating that there will be a transition of platforms from Registration Max to a new platform occurring on March 23rd. The letter can also be found [here](#).

The most urgent matter is to have you download/print your YQCA certificates **before March 23rd** so they can get imported into the new system when available. **Please do this no later than March 22!** Directions on how to do this are attached on this email.

More information will be forthcoming from YQCA on educational webinars for staff, trainers and the public on the new platform and how to enter your information into the new system. If you are having issues with accessing the information or have questions, please contact info@yqca.org.

ANIMAL SCIENCES VIRTUAL EDUCATION SERIES

A part of the Wisconsin Youth Livestock program

This series is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension.

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is 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 second Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by question-and-answer time. Register for any or all the events to get the connection information by email.

Next session speakers: Thursday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. is the March 3 (date change) – Food Safety Challenge, Swine Live, Carcass Evaluation & Meat Cuts from the Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building

You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email:
https://uwmadison.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aZt0ptkWQRyF_3LMJqek4w

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.

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/1o9XMchdqRZpccBS-N6J061vslYn2LsMJNtgPwBPoow8/edit?ts=6070ba78>.



If you have questions please contact a member of the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee for assistance. For more information contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

March 3, 7 p.m.

Food Safety Challenge

Pork Live, Carcass Evaluation & Meat Cuts

Location: Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building

Speakers:

Jim Murray, National Pork Board and Certified Executive Chef

Dr. Jeff Sindelar, Extension Meats Specialist

Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist

Jim Magolski, Perdue Farms

Gain awareness of animal evaluation into quality meat cuts.

Gain ideas on career pathways in this field.

Take home activity.



For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

All events are *virtual* and begin at 7 p.m.
Can meet county educational requirements.

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders' Association will be offering at least five scholarships this year. The Suhrke Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship. Along with the Suhrke Memorial Scholarship they will also be awarding four scholarships of \$500 each. The scholarships are available for any type of educational experience equal to at least one full school year in length. Requirements include being a current 4-H member or 4-H graduate with a minimum of five years as a club member. All high school seniors and post high school students through their junior year of college are eligible to apply.

Applications are available at the Division of Extension office or on the [Sheboygan County 4-H website](#). All scholarship application forms and letters of recommendation must be received at the Division of Extension office; 4-H Scholarship, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by April 1.

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email between December 1, 2021 and March 15, 2022.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page cover letter and a one-page résumé, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.

Cover letters and résumés must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships.

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association will be awarding two \$1000 and a minimum of two \$500 scholarships to a 4-H Member or Alumni. Applicants must be a 4-H Alumni member or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program; all post high school students planning on attending a college or technical school for the upcoming school year; recipients will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association. Applications are available at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County office or online at: <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/>

All scholarship application forms and letters of recommendation must be received at the Division of Extension – Sheboygan County Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 by April 1.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

Up to two \$500 scholarships will be award on behalf of the Sheboygan County 4-H Horse and Pony Project. All high school seniors and post-secondary students in their first year of higher education are eligible to apply. A minimum 3.0 out of 4.0 BPA is required plus a minimum of three consecutive years in the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. Applicants must attend an accredited, post-secondary school/program (i.e. 2- or 4-year college or professional technical program, Farm & Industry short course program, vocational college or training of at least one school year in length). Applicants may pursue any major.

The application form and other information can be obtained at <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/>. Applications and reference letters are due April 1.

JUSTIN LILLESAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee has partnered with the Lillesand Family to offer one (1) - \$1000 scholarship to youth that have been active members of a livestock project and a member of a 4-H Club or an FFA organization in Sheboygan County in memory of Justin Lillesand. Applicants can be a senior in high school or currently attending an accredited college, university or technical college. Applications can be found on the Sheboygan County General Livestock Facebook page or the



Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Facebook page. In addition, you can request an application from Christie Fisher email bonackfish@yahoo.com

Completed applications are due to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee by **March 20th, 2022** and should be emailed to shebcolivestockcommittee@gmail.com. Electronic submissions will be the only applications accepted. Interviews will be held on April 2nd. Any questions, please contact Christie Fisher email bonackfish@yahoo.com or 920-226-0693.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is offering a scholarship program for high school seniors and currently enrolled post secondary students currently in their first, second or third year of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of four years enrolled in the beef, sheep or swine project in Sheboygan County 4-H or FFA programs. Applicants do not need to major in agriculture in order to apply. The application is available on the Extension website or by emailing shebco.mas@gmail.com. Applications are due on March 4th and Interviews will be held April 2, 2022.

BLUE RIBBON SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

The Blue Ribbon Small Animal Auction Scholarship will once again be available to qualifying members. Applications for the scholarship can be picked up at the Extension Office, at poultry rabbit and goat project meetings or on the 4-H website. Scholarships are available for any high school senior who has been in any of the forenamed projects for at least two years.

Applications must be RECEIVED BY APRIL 10. Send to Extension, 5 University Drive, Attn. BRSA, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at the Extension in room 5018. Applicants will be notified of their interview time by letter. If you have any questions, call Warren Clemens at 920-467-4183.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Holstein Association is offering a scholarship valued at up to \$500 to a Sheboygan County high school senior enrolling in a post high school agricultural related program. Applicant must be a senior in high school planning to enroll in a four-year college, one or two year technical school or college short course program in an agricultural-related field. Applicant must have been a member of the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association and the Sheboygan County Junior Holstein Association for at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship. Scholarship forms are available at the UW-Extension Office or online at:

<http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications> and are due April 1. Questions about this scholarship, contact Kara Abraham at 920-892-7602.

Also available, the Wisconsin Holstein Association Scholarship. Located at the same website location.

ALPHA GAMMA RHO SCHOLARSHIP – UW-MADISON STUDENTS

I am contacting you today with a scholarship opportunity for seniors in high school that will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to obtain an undergraduate degree. Here are a few details about me and this scholarship opportunity.

My name is Mark Kendall, and I reside in Oregon, WI located in Dane County. Currently, I work for UW-Madison as an assistant superintendent at the Arlington Agricultural Research Station. I am originally from Mineral Point, WI where I cash crop farm with my three brothers on our fifth-generation family farm. As a youth, I was involved in 4-H and FFA. When I attended UW-Madison, I joined Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR), a student organization on campus that focuses on personal development and preparing individuals for successful careers. AGR created its Competitive Edge Scholarship Program to support high school seniors that have chosen to attend UW-Madison.

Use the link: <http://www.wisconsinagr.com/competitive-edge> to access the application. Completed applications can be mailed to Thijs Laux at 233 W. Lakelawn Pl. Madison, WI 53703. Questions can be directed to Thijs at tlaux3@wisc.edu or 930-360-2994.