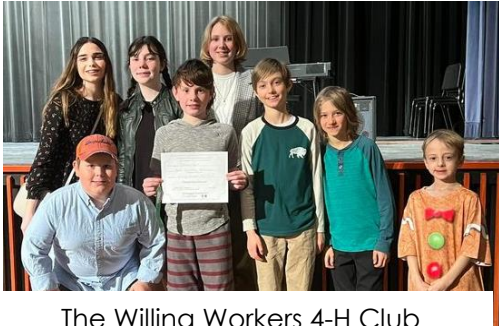


Several remarkable things happened in Sheboygan County 4-H throughout the month of April. We started the month off with the 4-H Fine Arts Festival held at the Plymouth High School on April 2nd with 21 performances of both musicals and plays/dramas and individual/duet vocal, instrumental, speeches, interpretive reading and dance performances. In addition, there were 54 additional entries in drawing, painting, crafts, photography, creative writing and posters. Several items from this event will be on display at the EBCO building at the Sheboygan Visual Artists Gallery throughout the month of May! Check them out.



The Willing Workers 4-H Club celebrates their accomplishments at the 2022 4-H Fine Arts Festival.



The Ourtown Orioles try to figure out how many piggy banks can fit in the tub?



The very next weekend four Sheboygan County 4-H Livestock Teams took away Championship positions at the state-wide Annual 4-H Livestock Quizbowl and Skillathon Contests in Madison, WI. Holy cow are we proud! Check out more photos and the names of our champs inside!



On April 19th 4-H General Leaders gathered for a potluck and a program where we reviewed recent preliminary survey results identifying times and places where members have learned new things, met caring adults, had to set goals among other important indicators of thriving youth. Leaders also shared in small group discussions around important club topics such as updating the Clover Awards, components of the Leaders Association, and enaaina youth leaders.

Sarah, Emily and Tammy

May 2022

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Dear Sheboygan County 4-H Project, Committee, and Club Leadership;

I just wanted to reach out and touch base. You likely have noticed that we have gone from two full-time staff dedicated to working with youth in our county (1 Full-time 4-H, the other part-time 4-H) to essentially one. With some of these changes, I have not been able to make it to all of the group meetings that I wanted to be at. I am working to try to balance my time with clubs, committees, and the many, many groups that our program has. I LOVE this program and my desire is always much greater than my capacity.

As you each play a key role in leadership for our program, I wanted to share with you some of the strategies I'd like to pilot over the next several months:

1. ***I will be prioritizing my presence at 4-H Club and/or officer meetings.*** Our clubs are the heart of our program and in a time that I hope is significant re-growth, I want to ensure that they have what they need. My commitment to our club leaders is to:
 - a. Attend 2-3 club meetings each month. I will call and give you a heads up that I am coming. You do not need to and should not plan anything special, please operate as you usually do so I can see what your club experience is like. I am not going to plan an activity or public service announcement. I may ask questions of members and parents and share information as it comes up, but it will not be a "special event."
 - b. Call all club leaders quarterly, just to "check in." This call will most often come from me. It may also come from an intern or Emily, our office staff. This is an opportunity to ask questions, remind me of programs and just say hello.
 - c. I will provide additional support as needed around the time of Annual Financial Report and Charter Deadlines.

2. ***I will not be able to attend project or committee meetings on a regular basis.*** I want to be sure to join our leaders and members for some of these but simply cannot make it on a regular basis. Some of you might be saying to yourself, "She never came to our meetings anyway." That's true, a great many of our committees and projects operate without my physical presence. But there have been some that I have been a more intimate part of. My commitment to projects going forward will be to:
 - a. I will check the 4-H Google Calendar on a regular basis.
 - b. A day or two before your scheduled meeting I will call, e-mail, or otherwise connect with your chair/president or Project Leader.
 - i. I will find out if there are any resources or support Extension can provide
 - ii. I will answer any questions about upcoming business
 - iii. I will encourage and motivate leadership
 - c. After the meeting, if your group needs anything from Extension **please designate someone to call, email, or otherwise connect with me** to ensure we answer your questions, provide what you need, or follow up with resources.
 - d. I am considering some opportunities to bring project leaders together to provide some youth development education as well as an opportunity for you to discuss with each other how you engage youth leaders as well as strategies for educational programs. Our club leaders learn a lot from one another whenever they get together. It is energizing and rewarding. Perhaps this will be the same for you.

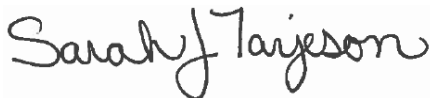
3. ***I will be working with the 4-H Leaders Association to transition this group to a more self-sustaining organization.*** I want to encourage our organized leadership to identify their own needs, develop their own agendas (for meetings and the group) and sustain their own resources. My commitment to the 4-H Leaders Association going forward will be to:

- a. Support the Executive Board by sending a message two weeks before the Executive Board and All Leaders meetings to remind them to develop an agenda and place meeting materials into the appropriate folders for others to access.
- b. I will not add items to the agenda - it will be blank. The President and Secretary and members should add to it based on the current business, past agenda items and upcoming programs and opportunities.
- c. I will support groups of volunteers who want to plan and organize programs sponsored by the 4-H Leaders Association by providing resources, answering questions and encouraging leaders. There may be some of these that I am more involved in than others, but essentially, they will be supported much like projects and committees (See #1).
- d. I will serve as 4-H Camp Educator and Director for Base and Outpost Camps as I have always done.
- e. I will support your 4-H Intern by providing direct supervision and day-to-day support and guidance. Their work will be determined by the program priorities and direction of the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board as long as this entity is funding their wages. The Leaders Association Executive Board must promote the opportunity, recruit, participate in interviews and assist with the selection of this individual.
- f. I will support the 4-H Endowment Fund, 4-H Camp Riversite and the 4-H Fundraising Committees in much the same way that I will support projects (See #1). Scheduling meetings, preparing agendas, and facilitating meetings and programs (all functions of the committee) will be up to your volunteers.
- g. The Extension office will continue to provide a checks and balances system for income and expenses related to the 4-H Leaders Association Budget. We will remain to be a collection point for program fees and will send correspondence to clubs, individuals and other entities to help monitor and collect dues, fees and donations.

The truth is that, it is not me, but it is volunteers like you that make this program great. I have full faith in our adult and youth leaders and their capacity to lead, teach and organize opportunities. You have been doing it for a long time and will continue to manage incredible opportunities. Thank you for your time, talents and dedication. You are truly a generous group of people. Our young people and our community are so fortunate to have you.

Please know that regardless of what is outlined above, if there ever is a time that I am needed at your meetings or to engage in a specific way with your project, members, parents or leaders I will not hesitate to be there. I am still very interested in supporting the overall program in a way that can make Sheboygan County 4-H continue to be successful. I can be reached at 920-459-5915 or sarah.tarjesson@wisc.edu anytime.

Thank you sincerely,



Sarah Tarjesson
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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 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!

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 OUTPOST CAMPS

Registration opened April 1, 2022

Our 4-h Summer Camp Staff are kinikin it into high gear to prepare for your 2022 Base Camp! This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 10-13, 2022** at **Upham Woods** in Wisconsin Dells.

2022 Outpost Camp will be held **June 25-28 2022** at **Devil's Lake State Park!**

Registration for both of these amazing opportunities is NOW OPEN in 4-H Online. If you are an enrolled member in our Sheboygan County 4-H Program you can [FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS](#) to register for either Base or Outpost Camp! **You will save \$15 off the cost of camp (originally \$200) when you register before May 1st, 2022.**

If you or your friends are not currently enrolled in the 4-H Program you can [FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS](#) to register for camp! Everyone is welcome. Check us out at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/> for more information and updates!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP RIVERSITE!



Forest Foods: How To Forage, With Rob Zimmer

The forest holds many delectable foods within and Rob Zimmer will show us how to discover, harvest, and prepare several different foods at this

spring workshop. Garlic mustard, ramps, cattails, burdock, and nettles?? You never know what will be on the menu! Be sure to sign up for this workshop to learn about things along the forest trail which you would have never expected to be edible!

Rob Zimmer is a professional naturalist, author, and photographer and loves to share his knowledge. We are so fortunate to have him!



Saturday, May 7, 2022
9:00am – 11:00am

RSVP is ****REQUIRED****. Cost is \$7/participant, there is a class maximum and children under 14 must be accompanied by a paying adult. No refunds in case of inclement weather. Please contact Mollie at 910-980-9054 or emt_mmt@yahoo.com to RSVP or with questions.

Camp Riversite Cleanup



Looking to spend a little time outdoors while performing worthwhile service? Camp Riversite could use some volunteers to help with spring cleanup tasks. These include picking up sticks on the mowed areas and trails, picking up litter, cleaning the cabin, bathrooms, shelter and benches, or other chores to match your age, skill level, and time availability. Our spring clean-up day will be Saturday, **May 21st from 9am-12pm**, weather permitting. Help is appreciated at other times as well, just let us know and we can provide guidance on what needs to be done.

[Signing up](#) in advance helps with planning and allows you to choose tasks, which also indicate supplies necessary. Questions can be directed to Ron Gerrits at rgerrits@charter.net. Thanks in advance and there may be additional workdays to come!

Spring Flower Hike At Camp Riversite

In spring the forest comes alive with a carpet of color! You don't want to miss this hike, which will highlight the most common Wisconsin wildflowers (and some rare and elusive ones ... if we can find them!). From the earliest spring beauties to the explosive trillium to the secretive Jack in the Pulpits. We will find them all, and MANY more! Each family will receive a color handout to help guide them along the hike, and to keep for future reference.



Sunday, May 22, 2022
12:00pm – 1:30pm

This event is free but donations are always accepted. Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 or at emt_mmt@yahoo.com with any questions or to RSVP.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY FAIREST OF THE FAIR



As Sheboygan County 4-Hers, what's our favorite time of the year? That's right - it's the County Fair! Spend your summer promoting the Sheboygan County Fair and all we have to offer by applying to be the 2022 Fairest of the Fair. Through this experience, you will grow professionally and personally, learning tips on how to improve your skills within networking, communications, public speaking, and so much more! Check out the application at bit.ly/shebcofairest22 or email shebcofairest@gmail.com with any questions! **Applications will be due May 1st at 11:59pm.** Be sure to follow along on our journey by following our Facebook and Instagram pages @ShebCoFairest.

JUNE DAIRY MONTH WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST

June Dairy Month is right around the corner! To celebrate June Dairy Month and promote the dairy industry, the Sheboygan County Dairy Promotion Association is sponsoring a Poster & Window Display Contest.

Window Display Contest Rules:

- Displays can be located in any business in Sheboygan County and should promote at least one dairy product or June Dairy Month.
- Displays must be located in a street-side window, so it can be viewed from the street.
- Displays should be at least three feet wide and four feet high (3'x4').
- Displays must be in place by **June 1** and stay up through **June 18**.
- Judging will take place the week of June 5.
- Participating 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters should develop their own artwork and dairy slogan.

Prizes for the top 4 displays: 1st prize - \$100, 2nd prize - \$50, 3rd prize - \$25

Please register your club for this activity by completing the [Dairy Promotion Window Display Registration Form](#). Due to the Extension office by Thursday, May 27th. Please contact Dave TenDolle at davefarmer12053@yahoo.com with any questions.

BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

Join us in celebrating June Dairy Month by inviting your family and friends to a wonderful time of family fun on the farm! This year's Breakfast on the Farm will be held **Saturday, June 18th at Strack-View Farms** located at 6462 Abbott Drive, Random Lake, WI. Breakfast will be served from 7am - noon. Tickets are \$8 Age 8+, \$5 Age 3-7, FREE Age 2 & Under. Not only will a delicious breakfast be served, but there will be fun activities for the whole family to enjoy!

For more info or to purchase tickets online in advance visit:

http://www.sheboygancountydairypromotion.com/breakfast_on_the_farm.php

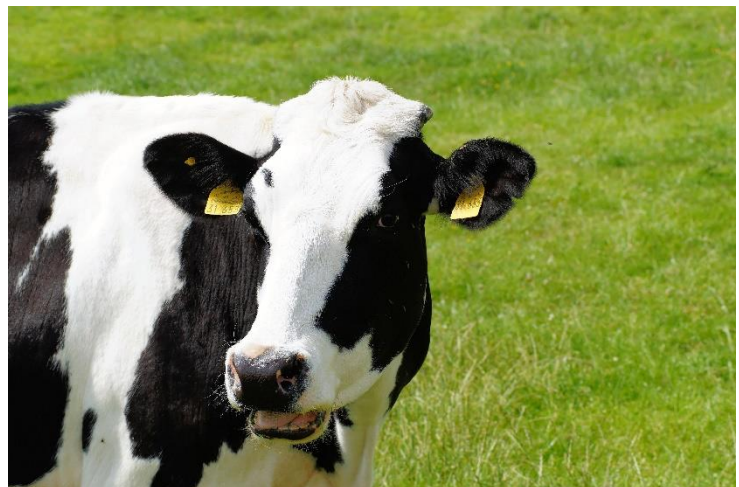
DAIRY BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sheboygan County Dairy Promotion Association needs your help at Breakfast on the Farm! This year's Breakfast on the Farm will be held Saturday, June 18th at Strack-View Farms located at 6462 Abbott Drive, Random Lake, WI. We need volunteers to work 2.5 or 3 hour long shifts between 6am - noon at the breakfast. Each volunteer will get a ticket for a free breakfast and \$10 donation to their 4-H club. Please check in 15 minutes before your shift to get your job assignments.

Your help would be greatly appreciated! Sign up for volunteer shifts using the Sign-Up Genius link from our website:

<https://www.sheboygancountydairypromotion.com>

. Contact Jill Huenink at jahuenink@uwalumni.com with any questions.



4-H ARTISTS FEATURED IN SVA GALLERY

Our 4-H Fine Arts Festival Visual Art Participants have an opportunity to display their entries (photography, drawing and painting, and perhaps some 3D art) at the Sheboygan Visual Artists Gallery in Sheboygan (corner of Erie and 12th) throughout the month of May.



On the "Final Friday" of each month or Friday, April 29 from 6:00-9:00 pm there will be an Opening Reception for the upcoming month's show which will include our young people's art. Everyone is welcome! In addition, the Gallery is open every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please make some time to check out the display and celebrate our youth artists. Throughout the Month of May local artists will be featuring their Portraiture Work at the gallery, this reception is also the reception for their work.

There are several great opportunities, including a program on Thursdays that is called *Art and Good Company*, through the Sheboygan Visual Artists. I think our members will benefit mutually from this organization. Check out all they have to offer at <https://sheboyganvisualartists.org/>

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK TEAMS SHINE AT STATE COMPETITION



Members of the Sheboygan County Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Teams competed in Madison on April 9th, 2022. The youth had a fantastic day with the following results:

- Champion Senior Quiz Bowl Team, consisting of Brayden Peter, Ethan Kohlman, Chloe Breunig & Kathryn Schwartz
- Champion Mixed Quiz Bowl Team, consisting of Alisha Klemme, Alison Gartman, Olivia Kohlman & Haylie Habeck
- Champion Junior Quiz Bowl Team, Team A - consisting of Audrey Gartman, Leo Gartman, William Schwartz & Ellie Seifert
- Champion Junior Skillathon Team, Team A – consisting of Audrey Gartman, Leo Gartman, William Schwartz & Ellie Seifert
- Reserve Champion Junior Skillathon Team, Team B – consisting of Luke Habeck, Henry Gartman, Bryce Peter & Isabell Fisher
- Several top ten finishes in the skillathon competition

Livestock Quiz Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. The students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions.

Skillathon is a contest made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breeds, feedstuffs, and equipment identification as well as some team activities which demonstrate evaluation skills.

Competition in these events encourages 4-H members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. These youth have been meeting weekly since early January to prepare for these contests along with spending time outside of practices reviewing materials.

Our champion senior quiz bowl team qualified to compete at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition held in Louisville at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in November. Our teams wish to extend thanks to the Sheboygan County Leader's Association for their support through the Endowment Grants which were used to purchase tools and equipment for the youth to practice for these competitions. The Sheboygan County Livestock Teams are coached by Liz Gartman and Michelle Klemme

4-H VOLUNTEER & FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUNSET HILLS GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE

Are you ready for summer yet? The folks at Sunset Hills sure are, and are excited to share what they have to offer with you! Sunset Hills Golf Course and Driving Range is a 9-hole, par 3 golf course with the county's largest driving range. They also have an 18-hole, high-end miniature golf course as well.



They are available to host group outings/meetings, fundraisers, reunions, etc. They also considering allowing groups to hold brat fry fundraisers at the course on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays. They are currently in the process of building a shelter for people to use for this purpose. Please contact them if this is something you would be interested in doing! Check out the website at www.sunsethills-golf.com or call 920-467-0780.



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!

How to Start a New 4-H Club

Thinking about starting a new 4-H club? Volunteers who take this step are dedicated and have a chance to bring the excitement of 4-H to young people in their community. Here are a few things to consider:



Are you a registered 4-H volunteer? [Becoming a 4-H volunteer](#) is an important first step. The volunteer training process provides a lot of important background and support information that can help as you get started on this club journey.

What is your club setting? [4-H Clubs](#) can be based in the community, in school, or in afterschool programs. Making sure you have interest and support in the setting for the club can help ensure success.

Who else might want to help? Being a [Club Leader](#) can be a big job. More adult and older youth helpers can help to share the work of getting a club started. They can also help get more young people interested in joining.

Getting Started When you are ready to get started, contact the local Extension Educator to find out more about how to get started. They will be able to provide support and a New 4-H Club Starter Kit. Kits include:

- Marketing materials
- Background information for volunteers
- Ways to get others involved
- Agendas for the first six meetings to involve youth in naming and planning for the club
- And more

The New Club Starter Kit and your local Educator can help you and the club get a good, strong start and build for long-term success.

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 Volunteer Policies

4-H Volunteers serve in a variety of educational and leadership roles that provide quality positive 4-H programs for youth such as:

- Supporting 4-H educational youth programs, activities and experiences
- Leadership roles for club, county or state level groups
- Voting members of county/state level groups
- Chaperones for 4-H educational experiences

All Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an adult, 18 years of age or older, who has completed the Youth Protection Program and is currently an enrolled 4-H volunteer. The primary purpose of this process is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants (i.e., youth, their parents and families, volunteers and staff.)

In order to initially be recognized as a 4-H volunteer, all adults age 18 years and over must complete the Youth Protection Program.

The Youth Protection program process includes:

- Completing a background check for arrest and conviction records through University of Wisconsin – Madison Division of Extension Human Resources
- Annually signing the Volunteer Behavior Expectations Form and the Assumption of Risk Document
- Attending a Volunteer in Preparation training, with ongoing virtual and in-person training thereafter
- Completing the online Mandated Reporter Training.

In order to continue as a 4-H volunteer beyond the first year, all adults 18 years of age and over must annually complete the following:

- Volunteer Behavior Expectations Form (may be combined with the 4-H enrollment form)
- 4-H Enrollment Form

Note: A background records check for arrest and conviction records will be completed every four years for continuing 4-H volunteer leaders.

Returning volunteers who have been absent one to four years need the background records check, signed Volunteer Behavior Expectations form and Assumption of Risk but are not required to attend the orientation to be reinstated as a volunteer. Returning volunteers who have been absent over four years need to repeat the entire Youth Protection process.

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:

- **Wednesday, May 18th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 7th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, June 15th 1:00-3:00 p.m.**



If you have interested parents or potential new volunteers, please let them know about this date! To volunteer, adults must complete all 4 steps: attend this training, have a background check done, complete a mandatory online reporting training and enroll on 4HOnline.

You MUST REGISTER at least 5 days prior to these events. Registration form: <https://tinyurl.com/4-HVIP2022>

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

4-H PROJECT DAY TAKE TWO – JUNE 4, 2022



Don't miss our second or SUMMER 4-H Project Day! Check out all of the amazing session choices at <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/things-to-do-in-4-h/>. Registration is due by May 20, 2022 Please Register Early! Registration can be submitted via [THIS PROJECT DAY REGISTRAITON LINK!](#) Our 2nd Summer 4-H Project Day will be held on Saturday, June 4th at the UWGB-Sheboygan campus. Kids will participate in 3 different 1-hour block sessions. From arts and crafts to scientific fun, there are project workshops for everyone! 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 eijensen6@wisc.edu or 920-459-5903.

LEGO DISPLAY TOP AWARDS

A special thank you to all the LEGO builders that submitted their awesome creations for the March Oostburg Library Display. The votes are in and I am thrilled to say that each and every item received over 5 votes from the public. The top votes recognize Blake, Alice and Austin as seen below with their LEGO creations. To see all the entrants, please go to the Sheboygan County Facebook page. Thank you everyone for making this a great promotion for the 4-H LEGO Project.



MAY CLOVERBUD MEETING



Our May meeting will be held **Thursday, May 19 from 6-7pm**. We will meet at the entrance to Bookworm Gardens across the street from the UW-Extension building (The cottage will be closed but the gardens are open until sunset). We will do some nature activities and read a book or two. If it is raining we will meet as usual at UW-Sheboygan for a nature activity (we will post to the 4-H Facebook page by noon that day if we will meet inside). See you then!



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H CELEBRATES THE JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER

Sheboygan County 4-H Artists! Please consider the JMKAC as your premiere destination for Art Education!

SPRING STUDIO HAPPENINGS-ARTS CAMP AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS AT JMKAC 4-Hers Encouraged to Attend!

Adrienne Wallner Poetry



Sunday, May 1, 2022
1:00–3:00 p.m.
Social STUDIO

Registration recommended, walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

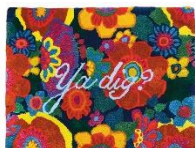
What if we think of art as a portal to a world we can create together? Explore the theme [Ways of Being](#) through a series of free and fun opportunities for all ages every weekend in May in the [Social STUDIO](#).

Take a step into the world of words by celebrating the end of National Poetry Month with poet Adrienne Wallner. Create a poetry related art piece while listening to Adrienne share some of her poetry.

Register for a timeslot:

[1:00–1:30 p.m.](#)
[1:30–2:00 p.m.](#)
[2:00–2:30 p.m.](#)
[2:30–3:00 p.m.](#)

Ivy Baucom Rug Tufting Demonstration



Saturday, May 7, 2022
1:00–3:00 p.m.
Social STUDIO

Registration recommended, walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

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Come watch artist Ivy Baucom as she dives into the world of rug tufting. Ivy will demonstrate how she creates work using a cut pile tufting gun.

Register for a timeslot:

[1:00–1:30 p.m.](#)
[1:30–2:00 p.m.](#)
[2:00–2:30 p.m.](#)
[2:30–3:00 p.m.](#)

Geometric Vinyl Designs



Saturday, May 14, 2022
1:00–3:00 p.m.
Social STUDIO

Registration recommended, walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

What if we think of art as a portal to a world we can create together? Explore the theme [Ways of Being](#) through a series of free and fun opportunities for all ages every weekend in May in the [Social STUDIO](#).

Make and Take! Transform an everyday object with a vinyl, geometric design inspired by Joy Feasley and Paul Swenbeck's [third-floor washroom](#) at the Art Preserve and Art Preserve artists [Emery Blagdon](#) and [Loy Bowlin](#).

Register for a timeslot:

[1:00–1:30 p.m.](#)
[1:30–2:00 p.m.](#)
[2:00–2:30 p.m.](#)
[2:30–3:00 p.m.](#)

Molly Hassler



Sunday, May 22, 2022
1:00–3:00 p.m.
Social STUDIO

Registration recommended, walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

What if we think of art as a portal to a world we can create together? Explore the theme [Ways of Being](#) through a series of free and fun opportunities for all ages every weekend in May in the [Social STUDIO](#).

Talk with artist Molly Hassler about her interdisciplinary art practice and create an identity symbol to add to a community pennant.

Register for a timeslot:

[1:00–1:30 p.m.](#)
[1:30–2:00 p.m.](#)
[2:00–2:30 p.m.](#)
[2:30–3:00 p.m.](#)

Jmkac Arts Day Camp



Monday–Friday, August 1–5 and 8–12
9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. each day
Ages 7–13
\$360 public / \$290 members

[Register here](#)

Join us for two weeks of making art, making friends, and having fun! Each day is jam-packed with mixed-media projects, exhibition exploration, and maybe even a little of the performing arts. Campers will imagine a world of “What if...?” and be led on their creative adventure by art educators Liz Rex and Nan Waterstreet.

Limited scholarships available. [Download the application here](#)

COVID protocols for Arts Day Camp will be announced by July 25, in accordance with CDC recommendations and JMKAC policy at the time.

Call For Proposals: Share Your Response To The Art Preserve



Installation view of works by Carl Peterson (foreground) and Eugene Von Bruenchenhein at the Art Preserve, 2021.

Every visitor to the Art Preserve, the home of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center’s collection of artist-built environments, connects to the work in a different way. Sharing these responses fosters new understandings about the collection, each other, and ourselves. The Arts Center invites makers of all mediums to submit proposals for work that makes tangible their response to the first floor of the Art Preserve.

How can an emotional response become a poem? A nostalgic connection be translated into dance? Musings of future dreams and visions be interpreted in song? Newfound questions about our world be depicted through sculpture?

Proposal Entry Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2022

Notification of Acceptance by Friday, June 10, 2022

Completed Projects Due by Monday, August 29, 2022

Exhibition: October 2022–February 2023, exact dates TBD

The John Michael Kohler Arts Center invites you to submit a proposal for a project that shares a personal response to one or more artworks on the first floor of the Art Preserve. Accepted proposals will be exhibited at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center.

Entry Requirements

- The call is open to any Wisconsin resident.
- The proposed artwork should be a visual, auditory, movement-based, and/or written response to questions and ideas about one or more artworks from the Art Preserve’s first floor. If you have an idea for a response that does not fit within these parameters, please reach out to discuss it with Arts Center staff before submitting your proposal.
- Entries must include a minimum of two (2) high-resolution images or video or audio files of examples of the artist’s previous work.
- The proposed artwork must be created by the submitting artist(s).
- Selection is a multistep process and will happen in rounds.
- Semifinalist artists will be notified via email and begin a conversation with Arts Center staff to finalize their submission.
- Finalists will be notified to commence their work by June 3, 2022.
- Finalists must ship or deliver (physically or digitally) work to the Arts Center by or before August 29, 2022. Depending on the artwork, artists may be asked to submit work digitally for printing by JMKAC.

- An honorarium of \$600 will be provided to creators of accepted proposals in two installments: \$450 after the delivery of their completed, proposed artwork and \$150 after a public demonstration or engagement at the Arts Center or Art Preserve on a date and time to be mutually agreed upon by the Arts Center and the artist(s). One roundtrip mileage between the artist(s) starting point and the Arts Center will also be reimbursed for the date of the demonstration or engagement.
- If a group of artists submits together and their proposal is accepted, they will share the honorarium.
- Entries may be either two or three dimensional. Planned dimensions and display needs must be clearly expressed in the proposal. Final scale of artwork may be dependent on gallery limitations based on other areas of the exhibition.
- Proposal acceptance is at the discretion of Arts Center staff.
- The Arts Center is not able to insure the works of art created for this exhibition from the accepted proposals. The Arts Center will attempt to place any works of art that are delicate under vitrines. All works of art will be handled with care by trained staff.
- The artist must be able to deliver the artwork from the accepted proposal to the Arts Center by Monday, August 29, 2022.
- There is no entry fee to participate in this exhibition.
- Artwork pick-up will be in February 2023, dates TBD.
- More details on artwork delivery and pickup will be provided to artists whose proposal is selected for inclusion in the exhibition.

Submissions will be accepted through [this online form](#).

Accommodations for alternatives to the online proposal form are available, such as printed forms. For more information contact Xoe Fiss at xfiss@jmkac.org. Artists will be notified of proposal acceptance on or before Friday, June 10, 2022.

GOAT PROJECT NEWS **2022 Goat Project Dates to Remember**

Sunday, May 1st – Sheboygan County 4-H Goat Managerial Contracts & Goat Project Member Expectations forms are due. Please return to Lori Knutson Managerial Project Leader, PO Box 303, Random Lake, WI 53075 or email to paradiseacresljk@gmail.com

Monday, May 16th – 6:00-8:00pm - Location TBD - State Fair informational meeting for anyone planning to participate at Wisconsin State Fair junior goat shows. We will have time to help with online YQCA or online Entries if needed.

Wednesday, June 15th – AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS in Plymouth at the Fairgrounds – Details to follow!!

Saturday, June 18th - JUNE FUN SHOW in Plymouth at the Fairgrounds – Show Details and Volunteer Opportunities to follow!! Open to all 4-H and Non 4-H members from Sheboygan County and surrounding counties.

Thursday, July 11th – 6:00-8:00pm - UW Extension Office, Room 5020/5022 – Educational Poster Making Meeting. The Educational Poster is a new requirement for the project. Please bring Pictures/Photos and all other materials will be provided. RSVP to Shelly at ksdulmes@gmail.com or 920-254-5706

Thursday, July 28th – 6:00-8:00pm – Lori and Chad Knutson Farm, W4293 County Road D, Random Lake - Open Barn/Preparing for Fair

Any questions, please contact goat project leaders Lori Knutson (414) 640-6387, Andrea Fenner (920) 917-4838 or Shelly Dulmes (920) 254-5706.

If there are any new project members interested in a goat project mentor, please reach out to one of our leaders so that we can make arrangements for a more one on one learning experience.

ADDITIONAL INFO/DATES TO REMEMBER

Wisconsin State Fair – August 3-7 <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>
Open to all youth Age 12-19 by January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification.
<http://www.yqca.org>

Mid-April – Entries Open

May 25th, 2021 - Junior Livestock Online Entries due (YQCA needs to be completed prior to submitting entries)

Sheboygan County Fair September 2-6 - <http://www.shebcofair.com/exhibitors.html>

Open to all Sheboygan County Goat Project Members – See Goat Project Member Expectations.

Mid-June – Junior Fair "On Line" Registration Opens

RABBIT/CAVY PROJECT NEWS

The Rabbit/Cavy Fun Show will be May 24th at the M&R Building next to the Rabbit Barn at the Fair Park. Registration is from 5-6pm with judging at 6pm.

The June meeting will be June 28th, 6-7pm Cavy Meeting & 7-8pm Rabbit Meeting at the UWEX Office.

The July meeting will be July 26th, 6-7pm Cavy Meeting & 7-8pm Rabbit Meeting at the UWEX Office.



4-H POULTRY PROJECT NEWS

We have one more meeting this year before the fair: **Thurs. June 16, 2022 at 6:30pm at the UWEX office**

All members are required to attend at least one meeting to be able to show your birds at the fair. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call Warren Clemens at 920-918-5654.

CHANGES TO SWINE FAIR COMPETITION

The 2022 fair competition is going to be a **non-terminal** show where each animal that does not make the Meat Animal Sale will be returning to the home of the exhibitor.

With the show being non-terminal, all exhibitors will need to have a Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) test done with the results included in all the paperwork that is brought to the fair at weigh-in. A PRRS test kit can be picked up at most veterinarians throughout Sheboygan County. (Please call your veterinarian office to make sure they have kits available). Depending on your veterinarian, a fee may be charged for the kit.

Sample Collection: A minimum of 5 ml of fluid is required!! Samples of oral fluids can be collected from individual pigs or collectively from pens by hanging ropes. An oral fluid sample is derived from a pen of pigs (representing up to 30 animals), where the pigs are allowed to chew on a length of undyed, unbleached cotton rope specifically made for oral fluid collection. Once the oral fluids are extracted from the rope, oral fluid samples should be immediately refrigerated and taken to a veterinarian for testing within 24 hours. The result of the PRRS test must be negative. If you receive a positive test you will need to consult with your veterinarian on what steps need to be taken. This test can be done any time after the 15th of June but must have your results prior to the fair weigh-in. The PRRS test results will have to be handed in with the health certificate paperwork and all other paperwork as in previous years.

You will need to make an appointment at the butcher of your choosing for the remaining hog(s) that were shown at the fair and don't make the meat animal sale. These animals will need to be taken home and to the butcher shop of your choosing on your appointment date.

Please also remember that pens need to be cleaned, down to the concrete, each day of the fair before 8:00am.

Another reminder, displays behind your pigs, education displays or any show items, i.e., show boxes, waters, feed supplies, etc., cannot be removed until after 6:00pm on Monday of the fair.

HORSE AND PONY PROJECT NEWS

Horse Show Season is finally here! May is a busy month with Shows, Educational Arena, and Drill teams all kicking off. Our Educational Teams will get a chance to show off what they've learned at State Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest as well as the State Speaking & Demo Contest. Our first fundraiser at the Plymouth Races is May 14th. Please sign up on the signup genius. The volunteers have a great time & it's a perfect way to get to know other parents while you help raise money for the project!



Sheboygan County will be hosting Area Animal Science Days including a full day Horse Judging Clinic on June 15th. You should have gotten an email detailing the event & volunteers they're looking for. If not and you'd like to get involved – contact Crystal Mulder or Sarah Tarjeson.

Exciting News! Our Older Youth Leadership Group has been working hard on putting together Overnight Camps! We have an awesome group who meet prior to the H&P Committee meetings & plan what they would

like to see for the summer. If you're 12 or older you should really consider joining these guys. They're shaping the future of your project!

The Younger Youth Camp will be held July 21-June 22 for youth 11 and younger. The Overnight Camp for Youth 12 and older is scheduled for July 28-29.

Check out the May Event list below. We're excited to see everyone again!

May Events Calendar

- 5/3 Tuesday - English Drill Team Practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/4 Wednesday – Western Drill Team Practice - Fairgrounds
- 5/10 Tuesday – English Drill Team practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/11 Wednesday – Western Drill Team Practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/12 Thursday – HHG meeting & Educational Arena – Topic: Safety
- 5/13 Friday – Wisconsin Sate Speaking & Demo Contest – Dodge Co. Fairgrounds
- 5/14 Saturday – Wisconsin State Hippology & Horse Bowl Contests – Dodge Co. Fairgrounds
- 5/14 Saturday – Fundraiser – Plymouth Fairgrounds Racing Concession Stand – Fairgrounds
- 5/17 Tuesday – English Drill Team practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/18 Wednesday – Western Drill Team Practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/21 Saturday - Inspiration Series Pleasure Show #1 – Fairgrounds
- 5/22 Sunday – Inspiration Series Speed Show #1 – Fairgrounds
- 5/23 Monday – H&P Older Youth Meeting 6pm & H&P Committee Meeting 6:30pm – Extension Office
- 5/24 Tuesday – English Drill Team practice – Fairgrounds
- 5/25 Wednesday – Western Drill Team Practice – Fairgrounds

GENERAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS (Beef, Sheep, Swine)

Area Animal Science Days will be held on June 15th. The Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee will be organizing the lunch for participants. Please contact any committee member, if you are willing to volunteer to help. This is just one of many ways to help that day!



LIVESTOCK PROJECT APPAREL SALE

It's time to order your Sheboygan County livestock project T-Shirts and Hoodies! In order to have apparel ready in time for Area Animal Science Days **we need orders and payment returned by May 5th**. The order form can be found [HERE](#).

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!

SPARK DAYS REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 2ND!

Registration for the three [Wisconsin 4-H Spark Days](#) opens May 2nd at 4pm! These three events will be at held at the UW-River Falls, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Madison Campuses from June 20-22, 2022. Each event will have its own separate registration in 4HOnline. You can sign up for as many days as you would like. Registration is first come-first serve, and is open to youth in grades 7-10. There is also a waitlist option available for each day if the event fills up.

Spark days are a new 4-H Experience where youth will travel to a UW Campus and explore different sparks. These events will include career exploration, interactive workshops, tours and more. Each day is focused on a different area of interest for youth. Check the website above for more information on each day. Registration costs are \$30 per youth and will cover program expenses, lunch, on-site travel, a t-shirt, and more.




Join us for 4-H Spark Days! These one-day conferences across three UW Campuses will each feature a different track to fuel your sparks.

Each day includes hands-on sessions, career pathway exploration, great speakers, meeting new 4-H friends from around the state, and fun.

Choose one, or more, that sparks your interest!

**REGISTRATION
OPENS MAY 2**

First come, first served

Receive updates and a registration reminder through our email list 

<https://go.wisc.edu/uarr89>



UW RIVER FALLS, JUNE 20

Agriculture & Animal Science

Explore your sparks and discover career options you may not have considered. Meet faculty and students to learn more about programs and majors in the Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science, and more. Experience the campus lab farms, learn about the UWRF college experience, and participate in hands-on sessions.



UW MILWAUKEE, JUNE 21

Urban Agriculture/City Sparks

Explore unique programs and majors, including Urban Agriculture, Film, Architecture, Freshwater Sciences, Library Sciences, and more on the UW-Milwaukee Campus! Meet people from local community organizations, professionals in different career fields, college students from UWM and MATC, and youth from across the state. You don't want to miss this!



UW MADISON, JUNE 22

Arts & Culture

Explore your creative side and how to create a creative life post-high school. Workshop choices include theater arts, dance, photography, and media. Led by Wisconsin 4-H Arts Team, Drama Company, and other community partners.

2022 AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY
*******SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HOSTS JUNE 15TH!*******

Regional animal science educational opportunities are available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of two day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, goat, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences.

Contest details are available on the state website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/area-animal-science-days/>.

2022 Area Animal Science Day Horse Judging Clinic and Contest

Sheboygan County – June 15, 2022
Sheboygan County Fairgrounds, Plymouth, WI

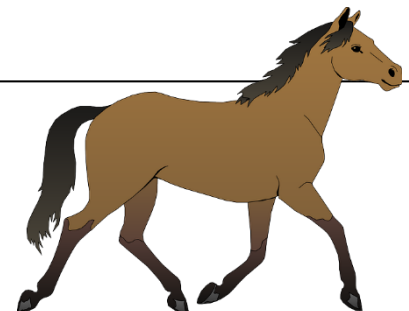
Participants have an opportunity to learn about judging both western and english classes. You will learn about the basics of horse judging and what is important to look for as you are judging each type of class. Following the clinic, participants will be able to participate in a judging contest, including giving oral reasons.

8:30 – 9:00 am	Check-in and Welcome
9:00 – 11:00 am	Equine Judging Workshop- this clinic will include the basics of judging the English and Western discipline including English Equitation, Western Horsemanship, English and Western Pleasure, English and Western Horse at Halter and Showmanship
11:00 - 11:30 am	Questions and Answers from an Expert Panel
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch Break (Lunch can be pre-purchased for \$10/person)
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Youth Judging Competition- Apply what you've learned!
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Reasons - A set of oral reasons is a one- to two-minute oral presentation made by a horse-judging contestant to an official in which the contestant justifies how he or she placed specific class of horses
3:15 pm	Results and Recognition

Depending upon registration numbers participants will be divided into two age divisions:

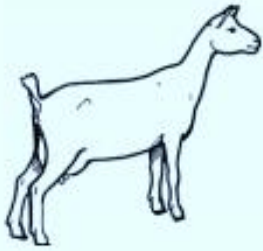
1. Junior – Age 8-13 as of January 1, 2022
2. Senior – Age 14-18 as of January 1, 2022

Have questions or need more information? Please call Sheboygan County 4-H Volunteer Christal Mulder at christalmulder@gmail.com or 920-980-7749.





Check out the Goat Barn



at Animal Science Days
Sheboygan County Fairgrounds
Wednesday, June 15, 2022



All contests will be split into Senior & Junior Categories

Fitting Contest

↳ Judged by

Fitting will start at 9am. Judging will be 10:00-11:00

- **Get some friends!** - sign up w/ a group of 3-5
- What to Bring?
 - Any unclipped goat/as well as unclipped hooves
 - All equipment needed to get a goat ready for showmanship

Anyone may participate - if a goat is needed please indicate on the sign up.

3 hooves on the ground at all times!!

NO BUCKS

Fitting Classes

Dairy Wether

Dairy Doeling- Under one year of age

Dairy Doe- Over one year of age

Boer Wether

Boer Doeling- Under one year of age

Boer Doe- Over one year of age

Skillathon events will be done individually

***All fitting must be done on site and by the participant.**

***Fitting will be done from trailer.**

Skillithon Events

- 50 Question quiz
 - General information about basic dairy goats and meat goats
- Breed Identification
 - 14 Breeds to Identify
- Equipment Identifications
 - 15 Items to identify

*Awards will be given for skillithon events.

Any questions please feel free to contact

Kathryn-

Kathryn.livestock.Schwartz@gmail.com

Kaylie-

Kaileymayhoff@gmail.com

Area Animal Science Day Poster and Photography Contests

Sheboygan County Area Animal Science Day

June 15, 2022

All Species Poster & Photography Contests

The statewide Area Animal Science Day Poster and Photography Contest is open to all 4-H youth who love and are interested in animals; showing, judging, drawing, painting, sketching, studying and photographing! Area Animal Science Day contest participants do not have to be enrolled in any animal projects. Subjects can pertain to any animal . . . Rabbits & Cavies, Dogs, Cats, Horses, Goats, Poultry, Beef, Sheep Swine, Dairy and more!

Poster Contest

Divisions:	Beginner	Grades 3-6
	Junior	Grades 7-9
	Senior	Grades 10-13

Contest Rules:

- A. Limit one poster per exhibitor per animal species.
- B. Use a standard size poster board of 14" X 22".
(1" unmarked border is recommended.)
- C. All posters must include on the back: Name, Address, County and Grade.
- D. Posters can be any topic related any animal species. Examples: care, training, health, nutrition, psychology, breed, anatomy, careers, safety, reproduction, youth leadership in project, etc.
- E. Posters must not include 3-D materials.



Photography Contest

Divisions:	Beginner	Grades 3-6
	Junior	Grades 7-9
	Senior	Grades 10-13

Contest Rules:

- A. Each exhibitor is limited to one photograph per animal species.
- B. Photos must be the work of the contestant during the current project year.
- C. Single Photos
 1. Must be no smaller than 5" x 7" and no larger than 8" x 12".
 2. Must be mounted on a mount board 11" x 14". Matted photos must also be mounted on a mount board 11" x 14". No corner mounts.
- D. Photos may be black and white or color.
- E. No frames or glass is permitted. White edges must be trimmed.
- F. No captions are permitted. Entry may be titled on back of mount.
- G. Information on the back of the mount must include: Name, Address, County and Grade.
- H. Entries failing to meet the photo contest rules will be disqualified.
- I. It is strongly recommended that all entries have a secure hanging device attached to the back for display purposes.
- J. Entries will be judged on creativity, spontaneity of subject, technical quality and overall appearance.

All Poster and Photography entries can be mailed to or dropped off at the Sheboygan County Extension office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

-Or-

They can be brought with your participants on the day of the event.



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Area Animal Science Day Registration Procedures

All registrations are due online by May 25, 2022.

1. **Each county will register as a team through an online form:**
https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exty2hzkrvm5vn0
2. In each county, a 4-H adult volunteer/staff member will enter all the team members for each species and contest (this may be multiple coaches or the county staff member, it varies by county). If you are registering for more than one species (for example, dairy and livestock), you will need to complete an online form for each species. Payments for registration fees and lunches will then be mailed to the host counties (more information below).
3. **Registration fees are \$12.00 per participant.** There is no charge for dairy poster, all species poster, or all species photography entries. No refunds will be given if the participant has paid and can't make the event, however substitutions can be made and will be accepted the day of the event. All participants will need to pay the registration fee.
4. **The host counties will be providing lunch. The cost is \$10 per person eating** (youth participants, coaches, parents, etc.). Lunches are only available by pre-registration.
5. **Registration and Lunch Payment**
 - One check can be written for both registration and lunch payments.
 - Make checks payable to the host site you are attending (**Sheboygan County 4-H** or Chippewa County)
 - Please make sure to note your county name and species in the memo line, for example "Grant Co. Dairy AASD payment" or if for all species "Grant Co all species AASD payment"
 - Please see the addresses below for where to send your payments. Please send the payment to the site your team(s) will attend:

Sheboygan County Host Site (June 15)
Sheboygan County 4-H
Attn: 4-H AASD
5 University Dr.
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Chippewa County Host Site (June 17)
Extension Chippewa County
Attn: 4-H AASD
Rm 13 Courthouse
711 North Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls WI 54729 -1876

If you have any questions about registrations, please contact Jill Jorgensen at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu /920-391-4659 or Mike Farrey at mike.farrey@wisc.edu /608-262-2496

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H THRIVING YOUTH



4-H THRIVING MODEL: HELPING YOUTH THRIVE

The 4-H Thriving Model predicts that youth who participate in 4-H programs that provide a high-quality developmental context will thrive, and thriving youth achieve key developmental outcomes.

To determine scores for Program Quality, youth members age 13 and up were invited to take an online survey asking them questions about their 4-H experience. Sheboygan County results include responses from 104 youth. The

survey was developed by Mary Arnold, Oregon State University and Ryan Gagnon, Clemson University. Wisconsin served as a pilot state for administering the survey in 2020 & 2021.

After analyzing data, the scores are provided which assess each component of the model on a scale of 1-7, 7 meaning outstanding program quality.

5.3

Youth Sparks

The Youth Sparks outcome measures how 4-H programs give youth opportunities to explore topics they are interested in learning about, passionate about, engaged with.

5.6

Challenging Growth

Challenging Growth outcome measures the extent to which adults in the program help youth to see new possibilities, push them to reach higher and hold them accountable.

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Youth Belonging

This outcome measures how safe, welcome and supported youth feel in 4-H programs

5.7

Youth-Adult Partnerships

This outcome measures how youth feel about adult volunteers working with them and if they feel respected, listened to and have their ideas taken seriously.

5.5

Caring Adults

This outcome measures how youth feel the adults in their 4-H programs care about them and investing time in youth.

5.6

Program Quality Overall Score

Survey Implications

In Sheboygan County 4-H, 96% of youth who responded to the survey agreed that they feel safe in this program. In fact, 61% indicated that this was "very true" for them. This is one of the reasons that our program rated 6 out of 7 in the area of Youth Belonging. The Youth Belonging outcome of the survey measures how safe, welcome, and supported youth feel in 4-H programs.

According to our respondents, only 56% of youth agree that adults in our 4-H program stretch and push them in new ways. This seems like an area for our program to strengthen. The Youth Sparks survey outcome rated 5.3 out of 7 and measures how well our 4-H program gives youth the opportunity to explore topics they are interested in learning about, are passionate about, and are engaged with. We want young people to thrive, and to do that they need to develop an intrinsic desire and willingness to try new challenges.

Leaders Association Goals Based On Data

The 4-H Leaders Association has identified the following goals to begin to build upon our strengths as a program and address the challenges we face.

#1 We will increase promotion of opportunities for recognition within the Sheboygan County 4-H Program via the 4-H Clover Award.

- Review the Clover Award Application and update both the form and the samples that are provided to members.
- Promote the opportunity to apply for this award throughout the year.
- Provide physical and/or electronic copies to every general leader in our program.

#2 In order to give youth opportunities to explore topics they are interested in learning more about, the 4-H Leaders Association would like to strengthen youth leadership throughout our program.

- Support Executive Officers of clubs with training and networking opportunities
- Relaunching the Youth Leadership Council with volunteer support

- Supporting youth project leaders in offering opportunities such as Project Day, Project Meetings, and Committee Leadership

#3 The 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board would like to strengthen our outcomes regarding the perception of the adults in the program and how much they care and invest time in youth. Increasing the sense of belonging that adults feel within the program will result in the opportunity for adults to demonstrate that they care. It will also provide a space where adults want to invest their time, thereby investing time with youth.

- Increase participation in the 4-H Leaders Association (meetings, events and committees)
- Provide an opportunity for leaders to network with one another regarding club and project strategies, resources, and system mandates
- Provide informal opportunities for adult leaders to socialize and enjoy each others company

