

4-H Youth Pledge to COMMUNICATE Effectively!

Dear 4-H Families,

The name of the game for the next few months is Communication and the Arts. As leaders, members, parents, and staff . . . we all have responsibilities to communicate in one way or another. And, when we are communicating, there are three very important elements of communication that make it truly effective.



The first of these involves our HEAD; you have to know about something in order to talk about it. Don't get me wrong, I am familiar with plenty of people who know very little about any given topic and still choose to discuss it at length. But in a world where credibility can take one a long way, genuine knowledge or experience is vital.

Secondly, you have to have HEART. Emotional investment, or what some call passion, only makes a speaker more credible and helps the listener engage in the words coming out of one's mouth. People who really care about what it is they are talking about are simply better communicators than those who feel lukewarm about everything. In my opinion, this element gets to the heart of why leaders in the 4-H Program are the best.



In addition, we should always ask ourselves if our communication is HEALTHY. Are we communicating in a way that is emotionally safe for others? Are we choosing the right words, time, place and audience to deliver our message to? It only does more harm than good when any of these safety elements is misused.

Finally, effective communicators will use their HANDS (and their body and their faces) to communicate a message that goes beyond words. Some call this walking the talk. They will not only teach and lead others by their words but by their actions.



As you prepare for upcoming 4-H communication arts opportunities, whether it's a speech or demonstration or leading a club or project meeting, remember these three elements and ask yourself; am I using the four H's of effective communication? If not, where can I make the best better?

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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 this short form and uploading your article](#) and any photos by the 20th of each month. Please plan ahead!!!! Please check out our [Sheboygan County 4-H Google Calendar](#).

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 projects, 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 regard to the latest meeting cancellations, or you can check out our website at <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/>.** Please note: if classes are canceled at UW Green Bay – Sheboygan Campus, 4-H night meetings will also be canceled.



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 and 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.

4-H STAFF REPORT

- Led a meeting to support an individual volunteer through challenging interpersonal situations and group dynamics while serving in their role on a committee providing educational opportunities for youth.
- Provided ongoing communication, follow-up, and tracking for enrolled volunteers to ensure compliance with UW-Madison's required training outcomes including understanding sexual misconduct, mandatory reporting expectations, program policies, and risk management and youth protection practices.
- Facilitated a session for students at a local alternative school where students learned how to make three styles of baked chicken wings. This opportunity was a part of an overall effort to teach students valuable life skills related to health and wellness.



- The 4th H 4-H Club, a middle school Special Interest 4-H Club, will meet four times throughout February on Saturdays (4th 11th, 18th, and 25th) from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Plymouth High School! The first hour of each "meeting" will focus on physical health while we meet in the Plymouth High School Fitness Center and move your body and strength your muscles to achieve the goals set by each individual participant! In the second hour of the program, we will move to the Culinary Arts rooms at the school to focus on nutrition as we make healthy snacks and meals together. Join local educators, community members, older youth mentors, and your 4-H Youth Development Educator, Sarah Tarjeson, each week for fun

and fitness! This club is perfect for current 4-H members AND/OR any young person in grades 7 & 8 who is interested in getting the year and their journey in wellness and health started.

- I have been supporting the 4-H American Spirit Experience by meeting regularly with a dedicated group of volunteers and staff to coordinate registration, logistical planning, risk management planning, contract coordination, and program development and evaluation. This educational experience is a special opportunity for young leaders to develop knowledge of America's heritage, further understand their citizenship responsibilities, and practice leadership and communication skills in a safe and supportive environment. As youth travel throughout Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York City, New York; Plimoth, Boston, Lexington, and Concord, Massachusetts; and even Niagara Falls Canada the program has the following objectives:
 - Further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values
 - Increase awareness of self in relationship to others
 - Increase knowledge and understanding of America's heritage
 - Build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom
 - Share what is learned with others



WISCONSIN 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

2023 4-H ARTBEAT! REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! Registration opens Friday for 2023 WI 4-H ArtBEAT! 4-H ArtBEAT! is for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is an introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication where 4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future.

The 2023 WI 4-H ArtBEAT! will be held March 17 through 19 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday at 11:00 am.

Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the "arts," participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in warm and cozy heated cabins!



Parents are not required to attend but are invited. All adults attending the camp must be enrolled volunteers who have completed all volunteer and Adult Advisor/Chaperone Training (including Supporting Youth Mental Health, required for overnight chaperones). Adult Advisors are responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend ArtBEAT! must complete the requirements to become a 4-H Leader before ArtBEAT! and participate in an Adult Advisor/Chaperone Orientation Zoom on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H Leaders should contact their county UW-Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves Volunteer in Preparation (VIP), Title IX, Mandated Reporter, and Building Safe Spaces (BSS) Trainings and a Background Check.

The \$125.00 per person fee for youth and \$75.00 per person fee for adults will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, and meals.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H FUN? Transportation to ArtBEAT! is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office. Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

REGISTER EARLY! This arts experience fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration will open in 4H Online on January 20 and will close on February 20, 2023. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

For additional information check out: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/art-beat/> For more information contact: Laura Pine, 4-H Educational Programs Coordinator at 608-262-1222 or lpine@wisc.edu or Amber Rehberg, State 4-H Arts & Communication Support, at 715.784.1540 or amber.rehberg@wisc.edu.

WI 4-H SUMMER ACADEMY



SUMMER ACADEMY
Exploring Your WHY
2023

On the UW-Madison Campus!

JUNE 19-22
GRADES 7-10
\$350/youth
Scholarships Available!

Youth will explore higher learning opportunities and future career paths along one of seven SPARK tracks:

- ✦ Arts & Communication
- ✦ Agriculture & Animal Science
- ✦ Leadership & Civic Engagement
- ✦ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)
- ✦ Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, & Health)
- ✦ Construction & Trades
- ✦ Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

Build Networks & Friendships!

Registration opens in April on 4-H online
Presented by Wisconsin 4-H & UW-Madison Extension

HOW TO USE THE PYD MEDIA COLLECTION

The Positive Youth Development Media Collection is a library of educational tools that youth and volunteers can borrow from anywhere in the state. The collection has more than 100 resources available. Most are for animal science projects, though photography and juggling materials are also available.

Youth leaders and adult volunteers use these materials for:

- Educational clinics – These materials make great stations at clinics so youth can learn more about things like the parts of animals, animal welfare and care, and tools they can use with their animals.
- Judging competitions – Many counties use the materials as judging stations, quizzing youth knowledge about their animals.
- Interactive booths at events (like the fair or breakfast on the farm) – The materials can be a good way to teach the public about animal science

To learn more about the PYD Media Collection, [visit the website](#). Youth leaders and volunteers can request materials directly using the online form found on the website. Requesters are still responsible for returning all media on time.

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS



WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Rob Zimmer will be leading us on another fun adventure through the winter woods! We'll be working our way through a list of items that can be found in our snowy forest. Did you know there are mushrooms, insects, and even plants that can still be found under that blanket of snow and ice??



Where: Camp Riversite, N2823 Camp Riversite Rd., Sheboygan Falls

When: Saturday, February 18 10am-12pm

Who: Everyone! This is an slow, easy hike on a basically flat trail.

Come to this hike to discover what you've been missing about winter! This hike is free but donations are accepted to help cover costs. Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 or emt_mmt@yahoo.com with any questions or to RSVP.



MAPLE SYRUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

I'd like to gauge interest in the maple syrup making course and hands on experience for this year. For families, or children 12 and up. There will be an educational "classroom" portion as well as tree-tapping then daily sap collection. Cost is \$50/family, which includes all materials and a quart of syrup at the end.

Educational portion will be held TBD and dependent on participants involved, and tree-tapping will be held when the weather is right -- usually early March. Sap collection is daily and for approximately 6 weeks, or as long as the weather cooperates. The educational portion will be held at the UW-Extension and all hands-on education will be at Camp Riversite.

Registration is imperative. Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 or emt_mmt@yahoo.com. Families who participated in last year's terrible season should contact me if interested in participating this year.



SHEBOYGAN FALLS WINTERFEST

Mark your calendars for Sheboygan Falls Winterfest on Saturday, February 11, 2023. *Note corrected Date* This annual event returns for another year to Rochester Park in Sheboygan Falls. The event begins at 2pm with sledding and ice skating (a limited number of ice skates are available to borrow). The heated shelter will be open and the Ourtown Orioles 4H club will be running a Hot Chocolate and Bake Sale fundraiser from 3-5pm. The final event of the day will be the Human Sled Dog Races starting at 5pm. Sign your team of Human Sled Dogs and a Driver up for the tournament.



Figure 1: Can you name this 4-H Alumni from this 1948 State Fair photo?

OLDER YOUTH MARDI GRAS EVENTS

Sheboygan County 4-H invites all older youth grades 7 and up to an Exclusive Mardi Gras Party!

This program includes two pre-events including:

- Join other older youth gr. 7 and up for a **Foods and Nutrition Meeting** on **Saturday, February 18th** from Noon-2:00 at Plymouth High School Room C105. We will be preparing a New Orleans-inspired menu to share.
- Join older youth gr. 7 and up for **Carnival Mask Making Event** on **Monday, February 20th** from 6:30-8:00 pm. at the **Extension office**
- Join us for the Main Event, a **Mardi Gras Party** on **Tuesday, February 21st** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Extension office at UWGB-Sheboygan Campus Room 5002. For food, a movie, a carnival inspired craft and a walking parade.

Come to one, two or all three events as you are able or interested. Pre-registration is requested by calling 920-459-5903 and letting Emily know which of the events you will be attending!

Sheboygan County 4-H invites you to

An Exclusive Mardi Gras Party

FEBRUARY 21st, 2023 7:00-9:00 PM

Please donate your used Mardi Gras beads for our art project! Drop them off anytime before February 20th at the Extension office!

Eat NOLA Inspired food!
Watch The Princess and the Frog!
Make a mosaic with Mardi Gras Beads!
Walk in an Instagram worthy Carnival Parade!

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Older Youth gr. 7 & up only! 4-H Members & Friends
UWGB-Sheboygan Campus, 5 University Dr., Sheboygan

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H PROJECT DAY

Registrations are due February 17, 2023 Register early at <https://tinyurl.com/s5wumxku>

Sheboygan County 4-H Project Day

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Open to all Sheboygan County 4-H members, family members and friends, grades K-12. All sessions held at UWGB-Sheboygan Campus, 1 University Dr., Sheboygan, WI 53081

Agenda

9:00 am: General Welcome Session: Everyone to join!
9:15-10:05 am: Session 1 (50 minutes)
10:15-11:05 am: Session 2 (50 minutes)
11:15 am-12:05 pm: Session 3 (50 minutes)
12:05 pm-12:15 pm: General Session: Wrap-up & Door prizes!

Things to Note

- Registration fee is \$10.00 for all three sessions. Join us for one, two or three sessions. The cost is the same, regardless.
- All materials will be supplied or communicated prior to the program (unless noted).
- Cloverbud members (grades K-2) **must** be accompanied by an adult or older relative or friend.
- Sessions are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis.
- Registrations are due February 17, 2023 Register early at <https://tinyurl.com/s5wumxku>



SESSION CHOICES:

1. Salt & Pepper Button Bouquets: Using old salt and pepper shakers, wire, buttons, and glue, create a unique decoration for a desk, window sill, knickknack shelf, or gift for someone special! Only offered sessions 2 & 3.



2. No Sew Fabric Crafts: Come make two fun fabric crafts that don't require any sewing! We will make Swirly Twirly Yarn Coasters and fabric Christmas trees! Classes are limited to 12 people so register early!



3. Perler Bead Fun! Come create anything you can imagine with perler beads! You create images with beads by placing them onto a plastic plate, the beads will then be melted with an iron and come together! If you enjoy having creative freedom this is the class for you!

4. Mug Rugs: Beginner Quilting: Join Sheboygan Quilter Guild leader Terri Koch to explore the wonderful world of quilting. Participants will start by making Mug Rugs, or quilted coasters for their favorite drink. This session is limited to the first 12 participants who register. It will be held during sessions 2 & 3, and will require that participants bring their own working sewing machine, borrow one, or call the Extension office reserve one of 4 available. First come first serve!



5. Key Chain Wristlet: Join The Sewing Machine LLC, led by Ashleigh Books, to make a cute and simple wristlet! This class is beginner friendly, but is limited to 10, so register early! The class will be held during sessions 1 & 2 and will require participants to bring their own sewing machine. If you do not have a machine, there are some available to be reserved. Contact The Sewing Machine Shop, (920-467-3135), and one can be brought for you to borrow. (limited supply)

6. Crochet Coaster or Bookmark: This project will introduce how to crochet, and will help participants make a small coaster or bookmark. This class is beginner friendly, but is limited to 10 people, so register early! The class will only be held during session 3. If participants could bring a 5.5mm crochet hook and cotton yarn, that would be great! If not, no worries, it will be provided.



7. Cut-and-Fold Book Art: Learn the process of folding pages of a book to create a sculpture. These works make beautiful and meaningful gifts, mementos and pieces of art. Like all art there are many techniques. Learn a few during this beginner session.

8. Polymer Clay Project: Polymer clay is a fun and versatile craft material that you can use to make a wide variety of creative projects. From Jewelry to home décor this functional product is versatile and easy to work with.



9. Fairy Gardens: A home for the fairies to rest and play is the goal of this interactive session. An additional cost of \$10 for this session will enable your child to show up and have access to everything they need to make the perfect setting for a magical creature to rest and repose.

10. Children's Book Journal: Use your favorite Children's book cover and images to make your own journal, sketchbook, doodle book or other recreated binded book. A great way to recycle those nostalgic memories.



PARNELL PALS BRAT FRY

Stop out and grab lunch after County Wide Project Day

- Saturday March 11, 2023, 9 am – 2 pm
- Rain or Shine!
- Miesfeld's Brat Hut (4811 Venture Dr, Sheboygan)
- Brats, burgers and baked goods
- Proceeds stay with Parnell Pals 4-H Club!



4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Communication, Music & Drama, Photography, Drawing and Painting, and more!

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st at the PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Entry Deadline WILL BE: March 6th, 4:30pm

Please start your planning now for our upcoming Fine Arts Festival to be held April 1st at the Plymouth High School. Entries are open for categories across the arts including visual and performing arts. All performing arts will be performed and judges face to face on the day of the event. Only Creative Writing and Posters will be due on March 6th prior to the event- all other artwork will be brought to the event and judged face to face. The Fine Arts Festival Registration Packet will be published and promoted by February 15th, please call the Extension office at 920-459-5915 and ask for it if you have not received it by that date.

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)

Club/Group 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

Musical Categories:

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



4-H YOUTH AND ADULT LEADERSHIP

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE AND ADVENTURE CAMPS

It's never too early to start planning for summer, and we have some pretty important dates to get you started! This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 10-13, 2023** at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's four days and three 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? 2023 Outpost Camp will be held **July 23-26, 2023** 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!**

CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH ARE HERE: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/4-h-summer-camps/> Due February 1, 2023!!!!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER (VIP) TRAINING!

Are you interested in being a 4-H club leader or project leader? Or, perhaps you are interested in being a 4-H camp chaperone! Maybe you became an official 4-H volunteer many years ago and you are looking for a refresher on things that may have been updated since then. Well, you have come to the right place!



One of the first steps in becoming a registered 4-H volunteer with Extension is to attend this volunteer orientation called "Volunteers in Preparation." The orientation date listed below will be offered virtually on a free video-conferencing platform (Zoom).

- **February 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **February 21st 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

You MUST register for this opportunity at: <https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/vip2023>

Prior to the orientation, you will receive an email with the connection link that you will use to connect on your selected date and time. This is a shared VIP offering amongst several counties, so the Extension Educator leading the orientation and sending you the connection link may not be the Educator from your actual county. Depending on the date of your sign up and the proximity to the orientation date, your orientation materials may be emailed or mailed (USPS) to you.

NEW TRAINING: BUILDING SAFE SPACES

Keeping youth and volunteers safe is our #1 priority, and we have new training for volunteers to help ensure we are providing safe learning environments. Read on for details on the new Building Safe Spaces training!

We are revamping our training for volunteers over the next two years. The updated training series will include Extension policies and best practices. Our goal is a streamlined process that is easier for volunteers to complete while also providing information that will help keep both youth and adult volunteers safe. The first training, Building Safe Spaces, is now open! If you are already enrolled and approved as a volunteer, you will not be required to take the training until September of 2023. All new or returning volunteers that enroll on or after December 1, 2022, will be required to take the training. However, anyone is welcome to complete the training.

Building Safe Spaces is an interactive online training that works best on a computer or laptop, but can also be accessed on a mobile device and offline. Once accessed you can complete the training in three short modules. Each module takes approximately 10 minutes (15 minutes in Spanish). If you need to stop, you can pick up where you left off.

Building Safe Spaces is designed to give volunteers the tools to keep youth safe. In three short modules, volunteers and staff members will learn to:

- Identify activities that put youth in danger
- Explore ways to keep youth safe in Extension programs
- Understand appropriate and inappropriate physical touch

Updated training is required to share new policies and best practices. These pieces of training are designed to give you the tools to be successful Extension volunteers and keep you and the youth you work with, safe.

Click [HERE](#) to take the training or visit <http://buildingsafespaces.wi4h.org>

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

In Wisconsin 4-H, we understand our important role in helping to build emotional health in youth. Volunteers can help by creating safe and welcoming spaces and acting as trusted adults. Supporting Youth Mental Health training supports you as volunteers, as you support youth. It's important to know how to be there for youth when they're down, whether it's simply a bad day or it's more than that.



Available to all volunteers, required for overnight chaperones, the Supporting Youth Mental Health (YMH) 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
- Get more help when needed

For all in-person overnight youth experiences, all adult volunteers must be trained in Supporting YMH. 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 times for 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.

4-H PAID SUMMER INTERN APPLICATION

We are now accepting applications for our 2023 Sheboygan County 4-H Summer Intern. Our 4-H Summer Intern is responsible for helping plan, promote and facilitate summer 4-H youth development experiences and opportunities. If you know a college student looking for experience in positive youth development...this internship is for them. Applications are due March 17. You can get a copy from your general leader, or on our 4-H website: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-parent-information/things-to-do-in-4-h/> If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Summer Intern position, please contact Sarah at 459-5903.



CLUB DECISION-MAKING CORNER

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

One way to ensure that even some of your "quieter" members get a chance to share is to use **the THINK-PAIR-SHARE** strategy. Here's how . . .

Prompt the group to think, **on their own**, about (and write down) their response to the question. When prompted, have them find a partner and share their thoughts with them. When prompted again, have each pair find another pair and share the ideas within a group of four.

Ex: What activities would you like to do for our winter party? What would you like the theme for our silent auction basket to be?

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, and 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!

Wisconsin 4-H Membership Age/Grade Policy Clarification

The Wisconsin 4-H Membership Policy has been updated to clarify that youth in 5K (five-year-old Kindergarten) AND who are 5 years old by September 1 or older are eligible to enroll as 4-H members. This is not a change to the membership policy, but a clarification as the previous wording of the policy only listed a grade level and not an age. As a reminder, 4-H membership cannot exceed one year beyond high school graduation AND cannot extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31 of the enrollment year.

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/>

SCHOLARSHIPS



WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. To be considered for financial support, applications will be accepted starting December 15, 2022, and must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm.**

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; should 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 2023-2024 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 resumé must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@Wis4HFoundation.org. For complete instructions and 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 SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility for 4-H Alumni Scholarship: Due April 1



- Applicant must be a 4-H Alumni Member or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- Applicant must be graduated from high school at the time of applying** for a scholarship and planning on attending a college or technical school including a certificate and diploma program for the upcoming school year.
- Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H Alumni Association.
- Must be a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Description: One \$1000 scholarship will be awarded by the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. Four additional scholarships are available at \$500 each. Additional scholarships may be awarded based on the funds available.

Eligibility For 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship: Due April 1

- Applicants majoring in any professional - technical, vocational, college or another training equivalent of at least one school year in length.
- All high school seniors or post-high school students currently in their first, second, or third year of higher education are eligible to apply.
- 4-H members are eligible to receive only one scholarship from the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association.

EASTERN WI DHIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Eastern WI DHIC will be offering two scholarships to eligible youth for the upcoming school year. A \$500 scholarship will be offered to a high school senior enrolling in a one-year Ag-related program (i.e. short course, technical school, etc.) A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a post-high school student currently enrolled in their first, second or third year of higher education in an Ag-related program. Applicant's family does not have to be a member of EWDHIC; however, applicants will need at least one recommendation from an EWDHIC member. Scholarship applications are available at the Eastern Wisconsin DHI Lab and on the web, at: <http://www.ewdhic.org/Scholarship.aspx> They are **due February 15th**.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY DAIRY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sheboygan County Dairy Committee is offering up to 4 Scholarships, ranging from \$500 - \$1000 to a Sheboygan County High School Senior or post-secondary student in their first or second year of education.

Dairy Committee Scholarship Application and Eligibility:

- Applicant needs to be involved in the Sheboygan County Dairy project for at least 4 years
- Applicant must have been involved in 4-H or FFA for a minimum of 4 years. (It may be a combination of both).

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.

THE 4TH H 4-H CLUB

Calling all Middle School Students in grades 7 & 8! Pledge your Health to Better Living by joining a short-term 4-H Special Interest Club! **The 4th H 4-H Club** will meet four times throughout **February** on Saturdays (4th 11th, 18th, and 25th) from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Plymouth High School!



The first hour of each "meeting" will focus on physical health while we meet in the Plymouth High School Fitness Center and move your body and strengthen your muscles to achieve the goals set by each individual participant! In the second hour of the program, we will move to the Culinary Arts rooms at the school to focus on nutrition as we make healthy snacks and meals together. Join local educators, community members, older youth mentors, and your 4-H Youth Development Educator, Sarah Tarjeson, each week for fun and fitness! This club is perfect for current 4-H members AND/OR any young person in grades 7 & 8 who is interested in getting the year and their journey in wellness and health started.

To register just send me a quick e-mail at sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu with your child's name and grade or call me at 920-459-5915 and then come to the Plymouth Fitness Center at the Plymouth High School on February 4th at 10:00 a.m. -We'll take care of enrollment details on-site or make sure you have everything you need when you leave.

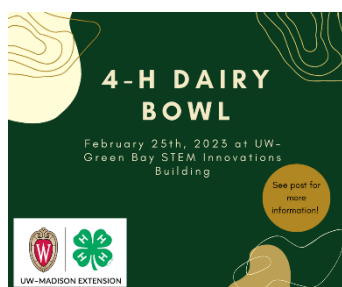
NEW BEEKEEPING PROJECT

Interested in beekeeping? Join Mark Breunig for our first ever Beekeeping Project meeting on Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm at the Extension office! You'll learn all the buzz about bees, and how to get started as a beginner beekeeper! We hope to see you there!



DAIRY PROJECT NEWS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest on February 25th at UW-Green Bay! If this is your first time or not we hope you join us for a day full of fun, learning, and competition!



Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl February 25th

Location: NEW** UW-Green Bay STEM Innovation Building

Registration: Opens January 1st and closes February 12th at 11:59 pm through 4-H Online. More information on how to register along with other participation and contest information is available in The Dairy Bowl Contest Rules document located on the informational website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/>

What is 4-H Dairy Bowl?

Dairy Bowl is a double elimination team competition for 4-H members grades 3-13 in the dairy project. Youth will be asked questions about the dairy industry, history, breed specifics, disease, and many more questions! Check out this video for more information: <https://fb.watch/hRISQEiowK/>

***New this year - If a county does not have a full 4-person team or at least 3 people to a team, they can enroll as an individual and be part of the Wisconsin All-Star Team. Teams will be put together by the State office.

Age Divisions - you must be a currently enrolled 4-H member to participate:

Junior: team contestants will be current 4-H members who are younger than 14 including those who will celebrate their 14th birthday during the year of the contest.

Cloverbuds cannot participate.

Senior: team contestants will be individuals who have already or will celebrate their 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, or 19th birthday during the year of the contest.

Mixed age division: designated for teams that are any combination of ages BUT the team must contain at least one youth in each age division.

*Youth who are still enrolled in 4-H but have passed the year of their 19th birthday can compete in the mixed division.

The top senior teams will have the chance to compete in the National 4-H Dairy Experience at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. This is at the same time as NAILE. For more information on this contest, look at the 4-H [dairy website](#).

Looking for more information or study resources? <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/> **For any questions please contact:** Emily at egstumpf@wisc.edu, Jill at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu /phone at 920-391-4659 or Laura at lpine@wisc.edu /phone at 608-262-1222

4-H LEGO PROJECT NEWS



LEGO Building Challenge! If you are in the LEGO project or just love to build, you are welcome to attend the LEGO Building Challenges on **Tuesday, April 11, and Tuesday, May 16th from 6:30-8 pm** at the Extension Office. **BRING your own LEGOS!**

Builders of all ages are welcome. After the challenge is presented, everyone works with their own LEGOS to create a build. For more information & to sign up, please go follow this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/23pht6>

Questions? Please contact Donna Schwinn Roblee at donnamarie699@icloud.com or 920-980-6874

RABBIT/CAVY PROJECT NEWS

Be sure to attend the first rabbit and cavy meeting Tuesday, February 21st, 6:00-7:00 pm Cavy Meeting and 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Rabbit Meeting at the UWEX Office. Members can bring their rabbit or cavy and tell the members about their rabbit or cavy. The calendar of the meetings and members' requirements will be reviewed. Any questions please text or call Barb Scholten at 920-980-4219.



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS



Shooting Sports season is just around the corner! We are in the midst of planning the season and transitioning to new leadership. Plan for most things to remain the same this year. One change is that for the orientation meeting, we will only require new members to attend. This means that veteran members will need to have payment and waiver submitted by a (yet to be determined) date if they want to participate. Tentatively plan for an orientation meeting for new members on March 9 but this date is only tentative as of now. We will be asking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down, checking in members when they arrive for their shooting slot, etc. Many hands make light work so please plan to give a little bit of time to the project so that it can continue to be a success. Any questions can be directed to Becky Hoyt at rhoyt98@gmail.com.

CAT PROJECT “MEWS”

Have you ever watched a cat dig in the litter box and think it looks like fun? Join us at the February project meeting and you'll get the chance to do just that! The meeting will take place Monday, February 27 at 6:30 PM at the 4-H Extension Office. We will be conducting fun experiments with different types of litter, playing a trivia game and learning about grooming our feline friends. Speaking of, cats are welcome at all of our project meetings as long as their vaccinations are current and you submit a copy of the records to the board.



One last reminder, the Country Cat Contest had been extended so if you know any youth that are not currently enrolled in the cat project that have outside cats, encourage them to submit a photo entry to Jackie Samse by February 10th. Check the Country Cat Contest article for more details.

We are very excited about this year's activities and look forward to seeing you all at the meetings!

COUNTRY CAT CONTEST UPDATE



As posted in the previous Crier newsletter, the 4-H Cat Project is hosting a photo contest for all youth not currently enrolled in the cat project. Show off your favorite outdoor feline whether it lives in the country or city and help us prove that you don't need to be a purebred or an indoor cat to be a winner. The photo **submission deadline has been extended through February 10th**. Entries will be posted on the Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project Facebook page. Voting will take place from February 15 through March 1. Anyone can vote for their favorite by "Liking" the photo. Submissions should be emailed to Jackie Samse at jms17todd@gmail.com. Please include your name and preferred contact information and your cat's name in the email.

Top Prize (Most "Likes"): \$50 vet voucher towards spaying/neutering and/or vaccinations, one entry to our Open Household Pet Cat Show in April and a cat carrier.

Second Place: \$25 vet voucher and one entry to our Open HHP Cat Show

Third Place: One entry to the Open HHP Cat Show

As always, everyone is invited to come to one of our project meetings if you want to see what we are all about.

WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM



Find below the 2023 program offerings from the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. The WI YLP will be offering tours of the new Meat Science Building on 3 designated dates only. We will host carcass judges training for those that want to judge carcass shows. 4-H Meats Judging and 4-H State Quiz Bowl and Skillathon are scheduled as well. Please click on the links for more information on program offerings and how to sign up. Contact Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu with any questions.

These make great educational programming opportunities for all youth and those that exhibit at fairs.

January 28th – Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>

Feb 4th – 4-H Meats Judging Contest (partnership with WI 4-H youth development)
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

Feb 5th – Carcass Judges Training, 1pm <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/carcass-judges-training/>

Feb 6th – Virtual Animal Sciences Programming – Beef Evaluation and Cookery, 7 p.m.
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>

Feb 25 - Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour
<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>

March 6 – Virtual Animal Sciences Programming – Reproduction Technologies in Animal Sciences, 7 p.m.

<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/animal-sciences-virtual-education-series/>

March 25 – 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon (partnership with WI 4-H youth development)

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

April 29 - Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building (MSABD) Tour

<https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/programs/uw-madison-meat-science-building-tours/>



DOG PROJECT NEWS

Save the Date for Orientation!

First Mandatory Orientation Meeting - Thursday, March 9th at 6:30pm in rooms 5020 and 5022 at the Extension

2nd Mandatory Orientation Meeting - Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm in room 6001 at UWGB-Sheboygan. Room 6001 is in the Science Building, and is near the back-entrance door to the Extension office. It is the lecture hall to the right of the study area.

HORSE AND PONY PROJECT NEWS

First Mandatory Handbook Meeting - Thursday January 26th at 6:30pm in the Phoenix Room (Formerly: Wombat Room) at UWGB - Sheboygan.

2nd Mandatory Handbook Meeting - Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30pm in rooms 5020 and 5022 at the UW Extension.

You must attend one of the two meetings to show at fair this year! Exceptions are made for post-high school year members.



Breakin Loose Spaghetti Dinner/Auction - Saturday February 25th 5:30pm – The Hub Café/Laack's Hall in Johnsonville. Please consider donating raffle or auction items to this fundraiser. Tickets must be purchased prior to even for the spaghetti dinner, contact Lynn Boenish 920-627-5565 for tickets or information. We look forward to seeing all of you there!!

Drill Team Kick-Off Meetings – there have not been dates finalized for walk throughs please watch the Crier for more information.

Horseless Horse Grooms & Coaches:

Please look for forms at the mandatory meeting or on the Sheboygan County Horse & Pony Website. Forms are due back to Sam Bruggink by March 15.

Educational Team - The educational team is meeting every Tuesday at UWEX. You can join anytime. They plan to participate in the Wisconsin Horse Bowl Competition in May. Come check them out!

Inspirational Series Shows - Our Shows are part of DCHA's Buckle Chase. If you're interested in more info on this contact Wendy Krueger.

The Horse & Pony website and Facebook page have been updated with the latest documents. Please check there for any information you need. If you have any questions, contact a committee member. We're here to help.

We've added other local events such as shows & tack sales on our H&P calendar. If you know of a show you would like added that isn't on it, please let Wendy Krueger know.

Next H&P Committee meeting is February 20th, 6:30pm at the UW Extension Office. Meetings have been moved to the 3rd Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend, there is a lot of great information that comes from these meetings!

Break'n Loose 2023

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Everyone is invited H&P Members, Family and Friends!

Saturday, February 25 at Laacks Hall

5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner, Live & Silent Auctions

**Spaghetti Dinner Tickets
\$12.00 per person**

Tickets can be purchased at the January mandatory meeting or
call Lynn Boenisch 920 627-5565

Tickets must be purchased on or before February 17th

Spaghetti Dinner
Includes: Spaghetti,
Garlic Bread, Salad



**Donations for
Auction are needed
by Feb 17th or please
bring them to the
auction with you.**

Drop off donations at:

- H&P Mandatory meetings
- Country Visions Co-Op in Sheboygan Falls
- Or bring that night



Donation Ideas:
Gift Baskets, Services, Horse Items, Large Items, any items.

Additional
Snacks, Desserts &
Soda Available for
Purchase.

Please bring along
desserts to donate.
All proceeds go to H&P Education

Information Tables:
Western Drill Team
English Drill Team
Hippology/Education
Horse Projects



2023 WILDLIFE & WOODS VIRTUAL CLASSES

Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry monthly, virtual event. Outdoor enthusiasts connect with other 4-H youth of all ages from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and trees. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-presented by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful.

Youth leaders research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Lee Delcore and Kerri Ast wi4hwildlifeandforestry@gmail.com. To register for the virtual sessions, log into your family account in [4HOnline](https://4honline.com). Under the EVENTS tab look for "Wildlife & Woods Virtual Series," register and then you will receive an email with the Zoom link. If you need help registering or are registering as a participant, please visit the VLC website [here](https://www.wisconsin4h.org/virtual-learning-series).



Mark your 2023 calendars for the fourth Wednesdays, 7- 8 pm.

January 25

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

PROJECT GRANTS

SHARE-A-KID APPLICATION INFORMATION



Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-a-Kid Program. We award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids to young people across the state each year.

This is a competitive statewide contest. The youth applicant will write an essay of 100 words or more about why they would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), and if they have ever raised a goat. We also want to know why they want to raise a goat and what they love about goats. If the youth is new to raising goats, please include who your mentor is. This is a very competitive contest, and we want you to put a lot of effort into your essay. Spelling and content count. The essay can include drawings,

photos, or anything special things that you would like to include. Please keep a copy of your essay because no essays will be returned. If you are selected as a winner of a kid, your essay will be given to the donor. While we make every attempt to award winners one of their breeds of choice, if those breeds are not available, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association reserves the right to offer another breed to the winner. Share-a-Kid winners are not required to give a doe kid back to the program, but we encourage them to do so.

Rules:

- Youth must be between the ages of 10 and 17 by January of this year to enter.
- Entries are accepted January 1st until April 1st of this year.
- Entry form and all required signatures must accompany the essay.
- Youth must be a member of 4-H, FFA, WDGA, or other agricultural groups.
- Only 1 goat may be awarded per family per year, however, siblings are encouraged to enter.
- Youth may only win one time.
- Winners are required to show their goat at County Fair or in an open class goat show this Year or the following depending on when fair entries close.

- If under any circumstance the kid received through the program is to be sold or rehomed the individual or party who donated the kid will retain the first right of refusal.
- Youth who receive a kid must give updates to those who donated their kid at both 6 months and 12 months after the kid is received.
- A thank you of some sort (letter, card, etc.) should be given to the individual or party who donated your kid at the time of pick up.
- A photo should be taken at the time of pick up of the youth, donor, and donated kid. Please send a digital copy of the picture to Share-a-Kid Chair.

The deadline to submit your application/essay is no later than April 1, 2023. All applicants will be notified of results by no later than May 1st, 2023. If you have any questions on this process, please contact Share-a-Kid Chair, Andrew Puetz at ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM. Please attach this application form to your essay. Entries will be accepted until April 1st, 2023.

Please submit an application via email to ANDREW.PUETZ@GMAIL.COM or by mailing to Andrew Puetz at 6835 Curve Road, Lancaster, WI 53813. If mailing a hard copy, please postmark by no later than April 1st, 2023 to allow for enough time to be received.

SHARE-A-KID APPLICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
 Breed 1st Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____
 Breed 2nd Choice: _____ Parent Agreement: _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
 Club/Chapter: _____
 Club/Project Leader Signature: _____
 Club/Project Leader Phone number: _____

WPA OFFERS YOUTH PIG PROJECT SCHOLARSHIPS



The Wisconsin Pork Association is once again offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$100 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2023 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2023). Through support from swine breeders and allied industry members throughout the state, our goal is to raise enough funds to support a minimum of 50 youth scholarships.

Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project or call the WPA office at 608-723-7551 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 1st, 2023.

WPA will match funds provided by pork producers and Wisconsin residents for the program. 2023 Pig Project Sponsors are posted on the website where you find the application form. WPA is still accepting program sponsorships through February 1st, 2023. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should contact the WPA office at 608-723-7551 or email mpittz@wppa.org.

The mission of the Wisconsin Pork Association is to promote and protect the state's pork industry in order to ensure its success now and in the future.

Exploring 4-H for New Families

Adult Edition



Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**¹¹ is made up of youth **members**³ and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**¹¹ is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**¹⁰ who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**² projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**¹. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**⁶, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



Credit: Ben Hoppe



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**¹⁷. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**⁸. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**¹⁶ made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**⁷. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**⁴ who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**⁹, to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**¹⁹, which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

4-H words you might hear across the **country**

The 4 H's are **Head**⁵, **Heart**¹⁴, **Hands**¹⁵, and **Health**¹⁸. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**¹², which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**¹³, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."



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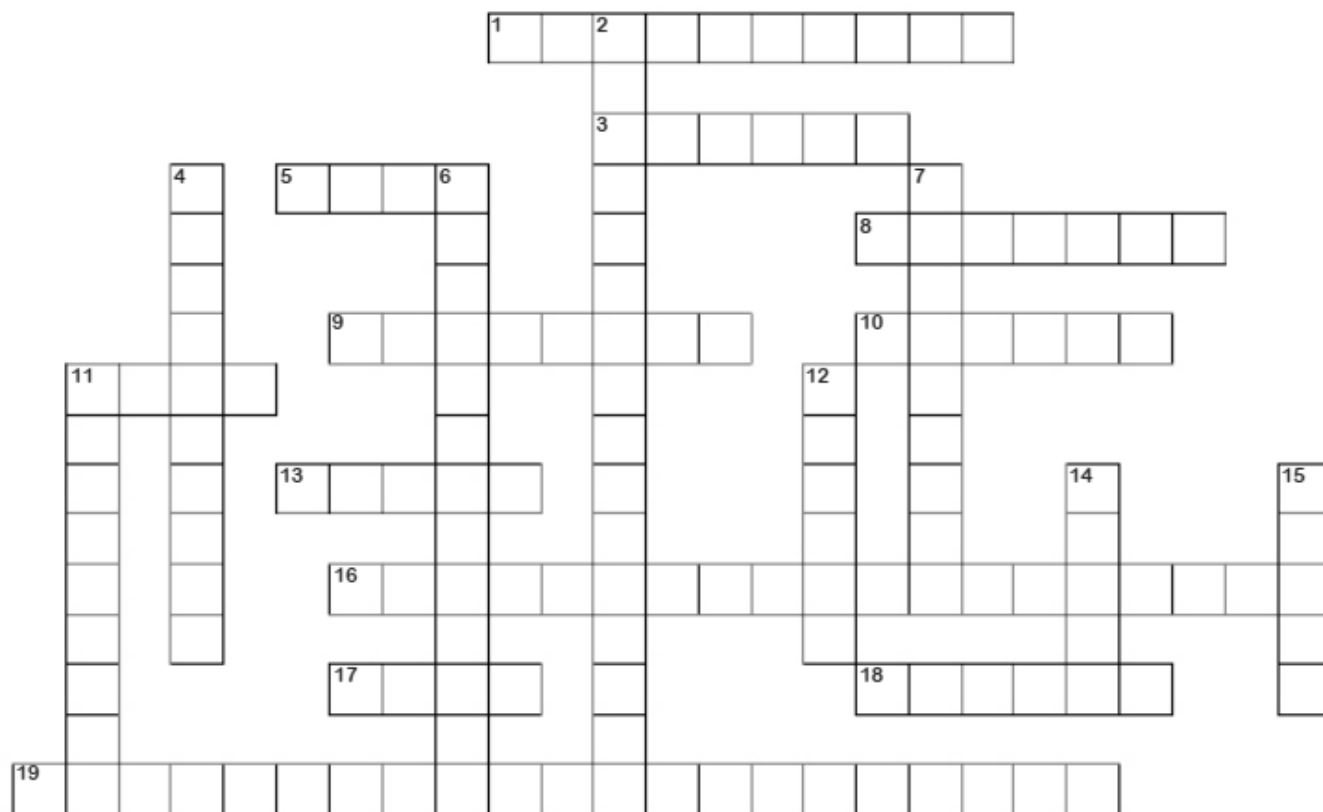
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provide feedback by filling out
this [5-question survey](#)





Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking
8. Item you enter into the fair for judging
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H _____: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my _____ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

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2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my _____ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my _____ to larger service

Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!

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