

FACILITATING YOUTH SPARKS at PROJECT DAY!

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

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

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

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

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

One day where our program facilitates youth sparks in particular is 4-H Project Day which is coming up on **Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm at the UWGB-Sheboygan campus**. Kids will participate in three different one-hour block sessions ranging from arts and crafts, fun with food, and scientific experiments!

Adults and older youth are needed to volunteer to set up and clean up. If you are available to help, please contact Tanya Arentsen at tanya.simon@snc.edu or call 920-912-1764. Thank you!

Sarah, Emily and Tammy

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GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H CLOVERLEAF CRIER ARTICLES

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

4-H GOOGLE CALENDAR

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

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UWGB - SHEBOYGAN

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

SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS

Winter is here, and with it come the snow and ice! We don't want anyone to be stuck out in the cold, so there may be times when it is advisable to cancel county level 4-H meetings. The Extension Office has a meeting information line to keep you updated on any meeting cancellations due to weather! **By calling 920-459-5908 you will hear a recorded message in regards to the latest meeting cancellations, or you can check out our website at <http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/>.** Please note: if classes are cancelled at UW Green Bay – Sheboygan Campus, 4-H night meetings will also be cancelled.



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

FORMS ON THE 4-H WEBSITE!

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

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS

4-H PROJECT LEADER RESOURCE FAIR and SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION MTG



Did you know if you have enrolled as a leader in the Sheboygan County 4-H program YOU ARE A MEMBER of the Leaders Association? It's not just for General Leaders! Your voice and vote is important in all matters of the Leaders Association whose purpose is:

- To improve, foster, promote and develop the educational 4-H program of Sheboygan County.
- To provide an opportunity for the leaders of Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs to unite their educational activities and programs.
- To accept and disburse funds for the advancement of 4-H educational activities and programs.

There are only **TWO Meetings of the ENTIRE 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION each year!** Our FIRST Opportunity of the year is RAPIDLY APPROACHING on

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at
Extension office at 5 University Drive, Sheboygan WI 53081

All Leaders, Parents, Members, and Community Partners are invited to attend these meetings!!!! This pilot schedule will be reviewed throughout the year and after one year to determine its impact on the organization and the board's effectiveness. Any suggestions, comments, or concerns can be shared at one of the bi-annual meetings or with your 4-h staff or executive board members.

Immediately preceding the **4-H Leaders Association Meeting on March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** will be a **Project Leader Resources Fair starting at 6:00 p.m.** This resource fair is open to all youth and adult leaders and will include opportunities to:

- learn how to access materials from UW-Madison's campus
- tap into specialist support from throughout the state
- apply for funds to boost your project meeting learning
- streamline volunteer training requirements
- get free materials for you and your members.

You WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS if you care about your kids and their learning opportunities. PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

4-H SUMMER CAMP...IT'S WHERE YOU(TH) NEED TO BE!

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE CAMP

This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp will be held July 10-13, 2023. Four days and three nights of adventure, fun, and learning. Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells features comfortable sleeping quarters, a quality dining hall, an archery range, swimming, canoeing, hiking, and more! Programs in recreation, crafts, and nature exploration are offered for all youth. Base Camp is open to the first 80 campers in grades 3-7. Transportation to and from camp will be provided via school bus, a departure from the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds in Plymouth, WI. Early Bird Registration Cost: \$200 (Cost increases to \$250 after May 1st- NO EXCEPTIONS). Sheboygan County 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss!



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY OUTPOST CAMP

2023 Outpost Camp will be held June 23-26 2023 at Devil's Lake State Park! All members of grades 7 and up are welcome to join us for 4-H Outpost Camp. This special park adventure will include hiking, swimming, hiking, and all kinds of outdoor fun. Early Bird Registration Cost \$200 (Cost increases to \$250 after May 1st NO EXCEPTIONS!)

4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP - July 31, 2023

Join us for Cloverbud Day Camp! Cloverbud Day Camp is a chance for 4-Hers grades K-3rd, to experience a little bit of camp and participate in some fun activities. From nature to recreation and songs to crafts, there is a little bit of something for everyone! You can sign your Cloverbud and a friend up using 4-H Online today! Cost \$25

[Instructions on how to register for an event in 4-H Online – For Enrolled 4-H Members](#)

[Instructions on how to register for an event in 4-H Online – For Non-Enrolled 4-H Friends](#)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Looking for some financial support for this experience? See one or both of the options below:

[Sheboygan County 4-H Grant Application](#)

[Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant Application 2.14.2020](#) (PDF – Due April 1)

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE ORIENTATION MEETING



The Meat Animal Sale Orientation meeting will be held April 6th at 7PM at the UW Extension Office in Sheboygan. Any members who are enrolled in the beef, sheep and swine project and would like to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale during the county fair should consider attending. The meeting will go through the rules, submission of animal information to be eligible for the sale and requirements for eligibility. If you have any questions, please email shebco.mas@gmail.com.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is offering a scholarship program for high school seniors and currently enrolled post-secondary students currently in their first, second or third year of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of four years enrolled in the beef, sheep or swine project in Sheboygan County 4-H or FFA programs. Applicants do not need to major in agriculture in order to apply. The application is available on the Meat Animal Sale website. Applications are due on March 17th and Interviews will be held April 22, 2023.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE GRANT PROGRAM

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is sponsoring a grant program for current 4-H & FFA Livestock Project members. The grant program was developed to recognize individuals who want to improve their project through past experiences and new opportunities. Youth currently signed up for the beef, sheep or swine project are eligible to apply and interview for the Livestock Project grant. Applicants will be rated based on their drive to progress their projects and financial need for the item identified the money will be used for. Up to twelve individuals will be chosen to receive \$400 in order to progress in their project. A thorough explanation of the grants is available on the Meat Animal Sale website. If you have any questions please email shebco.mas@gmail.com. Grant applications are due March 17th and interviews will be conducted on April 22nd, 2023.



SENSORY HIKE AT CAMP RIVERSITE

It is spring at Camp Riversite! Join us on **March 18th from 10:00am – 12:00pm** for our Spring Sensory Hike! Use all of your senses to explore the forest. Notice changes in the forest. Hear the animals. Taste a wild edible. Smell the dirt warming in the sun. Feel how soft new growth can be! We will have a make and take craft ready for you!



Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 or emt_mmt@yahoo.com with any questions or to RSVP.

4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL: REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 6TH!!!!!!!

The Sheboygan County 4-H Fine Arts Festival will take place at the Plymouth High School auditorium on **April 1st!**

This is a first-class event where youth grades K-12 have the opportunity to showcase their visual, communication, and performance art talents. The event is open to the public to participate and to spectate. Categories include:

Communication Arts Categories:

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



Musical Categories:

H. Vocal Performance
I. Instrumental Categories
J. Dance

Club Music and Drama Categories:

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

Registration can be completed on a paper copy and mailed to Extension, 4-H Fine Arts Festival, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or registration can be completed online at: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9T9SvuMkKrFjQLQ **Please note!!!! There is a fairly quick turnaround in signing up!!! Registration is due March 6th!**

WI 4-H STATE AND NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WI 4-H FOUNDATION ART CONTEST WINNERS!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Celebrate the Arts 4-H Art Contest. The youth art was selected through a statewide contest that attracted more than 100 entries. Sheboygan County is proud to have three award winners including the Best of Show recipient.

Best of Show: Austin Kreisa, Age 13, Sheboygan County, *Piggy Mosaic* (Any Other Media)

Honorable Mention: Link Bimmel, Age 13, Sheboygan County, *Old Oliver* (Photography)

Emerging Artist: Kallen Ruben, Age 11, Sheboygan County, *Untitled* (Paper)

You can see all the award winners at: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

"This year's contest was a great success," said Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Brenda Scheider. "This is a great showcase for our 4-H youth, who are incredibly talented and creative, and a great opportunity to highlight and support an important part of the 4-H program—arts and communications programs." The winning pieces are for sale for a minimum \$150 donation to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. For more information and a full list of winners and images, please visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.



INTRODUCING THE 2023 SUMMER ACADEMY!

Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Madison Extension are excited to announce a new student opportunity: the Summer Academy!

This program is open to any 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held from June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus. Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin.

The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is "Exploring Your WHY," with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.



Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are:

- Arts & Communication
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Science
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health)

- Construction & Trades
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

During the event, there will also be fun activities and entertainment from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company, and more!

Registration opens in April, keep an eye on [this page](#) for more information to come! We can't wait to see 4-Hers from all of your counties this June!

4-H VOLUNTEER & FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CLUB DECISION-MAKING CORNER

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

IF, THEN ACTIVITY

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

INCREASING OR RETAINING MEMBERSHIP

This fall, when clubs and groups submitted 4-H Charter Applications, the 2nd most popular goal was to "Increase or Retain Membership." Is your club one of the 266 groups that submitted this as a goal for 2023? Here are some ideas that you can use to reach your goal:

Ideas for Increasing Membership:

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

Ideas for Retaining Membership:

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

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

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

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

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

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

EEO/AA STATEMENTS - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENTS

The University of Wisconsin **EEO/AA Statement** must be placed on the first or last page of all public documents. They are available in English and Spanish, along with the situations to use various statements, for example, position vacancies, brochures, etc., at this link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4zV60bx_F27MIVxcGpkXy1Id0E/view?usp=sharing

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

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

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

I know that volunteering for this incredible experience is not something you take lightly and it is not something that you do as a full-time job. Sometimes the added responsibilities of training and paperwork can be perceived as a cumbersome obstacle to just "being there for kids" which is what we all want you to be able to do.

I do take seriously my role of helping you to navigate your volunteers' roles and responsibilities in a palatable and even fun way through this 4-H program. I believe that volunteering should be both fun and rewarding for the youth and the adults in our program.

Step 1: Enroll in 4-H Online including agreeing to the Division of Extension Volunteer Behavior Expectations.

Step 2: Complete Criminal Background Check* (information will be sent via email to all new potential volunteers once a person has enrolled) **A background records check for arrest and conviction records will be completed every four years for continuing 4-H volunteer leaders*

Step 3: Complete Volunteer Training Modules: Click on links to check out dates and register

[Module 1: Complete UW Madison Title IX Training ***New***](#)

[Module 2: Complete UW System Mandated Reporter Training](#)

[Module 3: Complete Division of Extension Volunteers In Preparation \(VIP\) Training**](#)

[Module 4 \(for chaperones only\): Supporting Youth Mental Health Training](#)

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.



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

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.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT OPPORTUNITY



We have several kind adult leaders who have agreed to work together to provide a fantastic opportunity for our 4-H Photography Project members as well as any youth member who might be interested in the photography project.

We will be meeting at **the Kohler Design Center on March 12th at 1:00 p.m.** where leaders will teach about several elements of photography lines, shapes, colors, and patterns. Each small group lesson will include time to explore the design center and find interesting subjects to photograph. This opportunity is designed to enable you to walk away with several photographs to choose from to enter the 4-H Fine Arts Festival, so don't forget to register for this opportunity as well.

Your RSVP to the photography project meeting is appreciated by adding your information to this google form by March 8: <https://forms.gle/ovsH85mcPenvyJLV8>.

BEEKEEPING PROJECT NEWS

I have bee's ordered now what? We will cover hive placement, how to introduce bees to new hive equipment, and, what to look for during the next month at our next project meeting. Everyone is welcome! We will be meeting Monday, March 20th at 6:30 pm in room 5024 at the UWEX. For information or questions, please contact Mark Breunig at 920-912-1573.



CANVAS PAINTING: UNLEASH YOUR INNER VANGOGH

Explore the basic elements of acrylic painting with local artist Elizabeth Esselmann, owner of Wisconsin's ARTzy fARTsy on Wheels. Elizabeth will guide you step-by-step as you create **"The Eiffel Tower in Spring"** Everyone will have a completed painting by the end of the class. Paint, canvas and brushes will be provided.

Where: Sheboygan County 4-H/Extension Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan WI

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

RSVP by March 10, 2023, at <https://forms.gle/a3DGkLL9MzZHdgxu9>



CAT PROJECT "MEWS"



Spring is around the corner and that means it's Cat Showtime! The Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project will be hosting our **28TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSEHOLD PET CAT SHOW** on Sunday, April 23 at the Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center. This year's theme is "Makin' Meow-sic with My Friends". Just a reminder, this show is open to everyone even those not in 4-H so if you own a cat or know someone who does, we encourage you all to attend. Exhibitors must be 8 years old or older to register. The entry deadline is April

9. This is our major fundraiser for the year. There will be many great vendors (not just pet related), a raffle and silent auction, costume and decorated cage contests and a hot food stand. Even the spectators get to vote for their favorite cat! Contact Shanna Fedler at sheboygancounty4hcatproject@gmail.com for more information and entry forms. We are still looking for financial sponsors, vendors and donations for the raffle and silent auction. Contact Alice Samse at amsamse@charter.net for more information.

We would also like to mention two other shows that are coming up soon. Aside from being a lot of fun, these shows would be a great practice run before our Open Show and will promote good training opportunities for you and your cat.

The **WINDY KITTY CAT CLUB** will be having a household pet only cat show March 25 at the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie, WI. This is an ACFA (American Cat Fanciers Association) sanctioned show which means you can earn points towards titles just like a pedigreed cat. It will be four judges, split format with two rings in the morning and two in the afternoon. Entry deadline is March 20. Contact Alice Samse at amsamse@charter.net for more information and questions. This is a huge opportunity to expand your showing experience and knowledge of cats and cat care.



The **FOX RIVER VALLEY CAT CLUB** has been a longtime supporter of our project and their household pet show will be Sunday, April 16 at the Winnegamie Dog Club in Menasha, WI. Pre-registration is required and there is a discount for 4-H or Scout members. Entry deadline is April 7.

Follow this link to view an informational letter and registration forms: <https://go.wisc.edu/25e2r1>
Please contact Barb Steele at foxrvcclub@gmail.com for more info.

Reminder: the **March Project Meeting is Monday, March 27** at 6:30 PM at the UWEX Office. The main activities will be making cat scratching posts and practicing with Catology boards. We can't wait to see you there!

RABBIT/CAVY PROJECT NEWS

The March Rabbit and Cavy meeting will be Tuesday, March 21st at the UWEX Office. The Cavy meeting will take place from 6:00-7:00pm, and the Rabbit Meeting will take place 7:00-8:00pm. Members are encouraged to bring their rabbit and/or cavy to practice showmanship. Health and Wellness of a Rabbit and Cavy will also be discussed.

Any questions please text or call Barb Scholten at 920-980-4219.



SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Get ready for shooting sports!! Orientation and shooting dates will be posted soon!

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS



Our new member meeting (previously mandatory for all members) will be held on March 7 at 6:30 in the Phoenix Room (formerly the Wombat Room) at UW Sheboygan. At 6:00 we will begin taking waivers and registration fees so we can begin right at 6:30. Please watch your mail for registration materials and shooting sports information packets.

Unlike in previous years this meeting is for **first year members only**, this includes members who are new to a discipline (for example if you were in archery in the past and are adding shotgun you still must attend).

If you are not a new member you may come between 6 and 6:30 to drop off waivers and registration in person, or it may be mailed to Sue Becker at W4386 Beaver Trail Road, Waldo WI 53093 by March 31. This is a hard deadline.

If you are a continuing member AND you are planning to participate in the Tri-County Shoot please pay attention to dates to get your registration in on time.

Tri-County Shoot is March 31/April 1 at the Washington County Fairgrounds and is open to all **non-first year members**. More information is located here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

Please watch our Facebook page for reminders and updates as well as our Rallyhood page. All members have been sent an email to join Rallyhood so please respond ASAP as most communication will come through the Rally.

Please contact Rebecca Hoyt at rchoyt98@gmail.com or Michele Adams at jandmadams23@gmail.com with questions.

HORSE & PONY PROJECT NEWS

Mandatory Meetings

Our first meeting had a great turn out this year and we are so excited to get the year off and running. Remember if you attended the January meeting to turn in the following forms:

- Expectations Form – to Secretary Wendy Krueger
- Horseless Horse Groom Forms – to Sam Bruggink
- Horseless Horse Coach Forms – to Sam Bruggink
- Don't forget your project fee needs to be submitted to the treasurer (Amy Wallner) her information is on the sponsorship forms



2nd / Final Mandatory Meeting is Thursday March 2 at 6:30 in rooms 5020 & 5022 at the Extension office. If you are not able to make this meeting, please reach out to the Emma Sanderson (mandma0215@gmail.com), the chairperson for the project this year.

Educational Team Meetings

Meetings are being held on Tuesday nights at the UWEX. Come check out what all the buzz is. If you have any questions contact, Crystal Osieczonek at 920-254-4778 or crystal.osieczonek@gmail.com.

Horse & Pony Calendar

We work very hard on keeping the calendar up to date with all the latest events. There are a lot of Tack Sales that are coming up in the next couple months, so please check out some of our neighboring counties tack sales; if we have missed one on the calendar, please let us know so we can add it.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=schp4h@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Scholarship Opportunity

Are you graduating and going on to college or a tech school??? Well, we have an opportunity for you to be one of our lucky scholarship winners. The due date has been extended to June 1st this year so there is still plenty of time to get them in. Go to the Sheboygan County 4-H and Horse & Pony Project Websites for information:

<https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>

The Information Corral

Are you new to the project? Are you a returning member? Are you trying to find information? Look no further check out the Sheboygan County 4-H and Horse & Pony Project Websites for lots of relevant information:

<https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

<https://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse-and-pony-project/>

or join us on our Facebook group: Sheboygan County 4-H Horse & Pony Project

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/132688922021833/>

If you have questions, please contact your 2022-2023 Committee Chairperson: Emma Sanderson.

Clinics, Educational Arenas, Opportunities

We love to hear your ideas and what you would like to see in the project please drop a note to the Horse & Pony email, Facebook page or to one of the committee members. We are always looking for fun new ideas and topics that you are interested in.

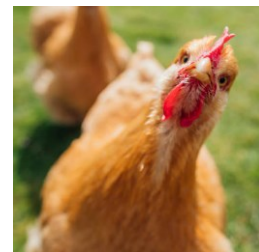
Email address: SCHP@gmail.com

4-H POULTRY PROJECT INFORMATION

Welcome to another year of the Poultry Project! We have two more meetings scheduled for this year:

- Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30pm at the UWEX office
- Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30pm the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds Poultry Barn

Members are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible, but one meeting is required to show your poultry at the fair.



If you are new to the project and would like help or information earlier, please feel free to call project leader, Warren Clemens at 920-918-5654.

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



SCHOLARSHIPS

For all available scholarships, please visit our website at <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarship-applications/>



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.

JUSTIN LILLESAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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



page or the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Facebook page. In addition, you can request an application from Christie Fisher email bonackfish@gmail.com . Completed applications are due to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee by **March 17th, 2023** and should be emailed to Christie Fisher bonackfish@gmail.com Electronic submissions will be the only applications accepted. Interviews will be held on **April 22nd 2023**. Any questions, please contact Christie Fisher email bonackfish@yahoo.com or 920-226-0693.

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).

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE SCHOLARSHIP

The Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee is offering a scholarship program for high school seniors and currently enrolled post-secondary students currently in their first, second or third year of higher education. Applicants must have a minimum of four years enrolled in the beef, sheep or swine project in Sheboygan County 4-H or FFA programs. Applicants do not need to major in agriculture in order to apply. The application is available on the Meat Animal Sale website (<https://www.shebcomas.com>). Applications are due on March 17th and Interviews will be held April 22, 2023.

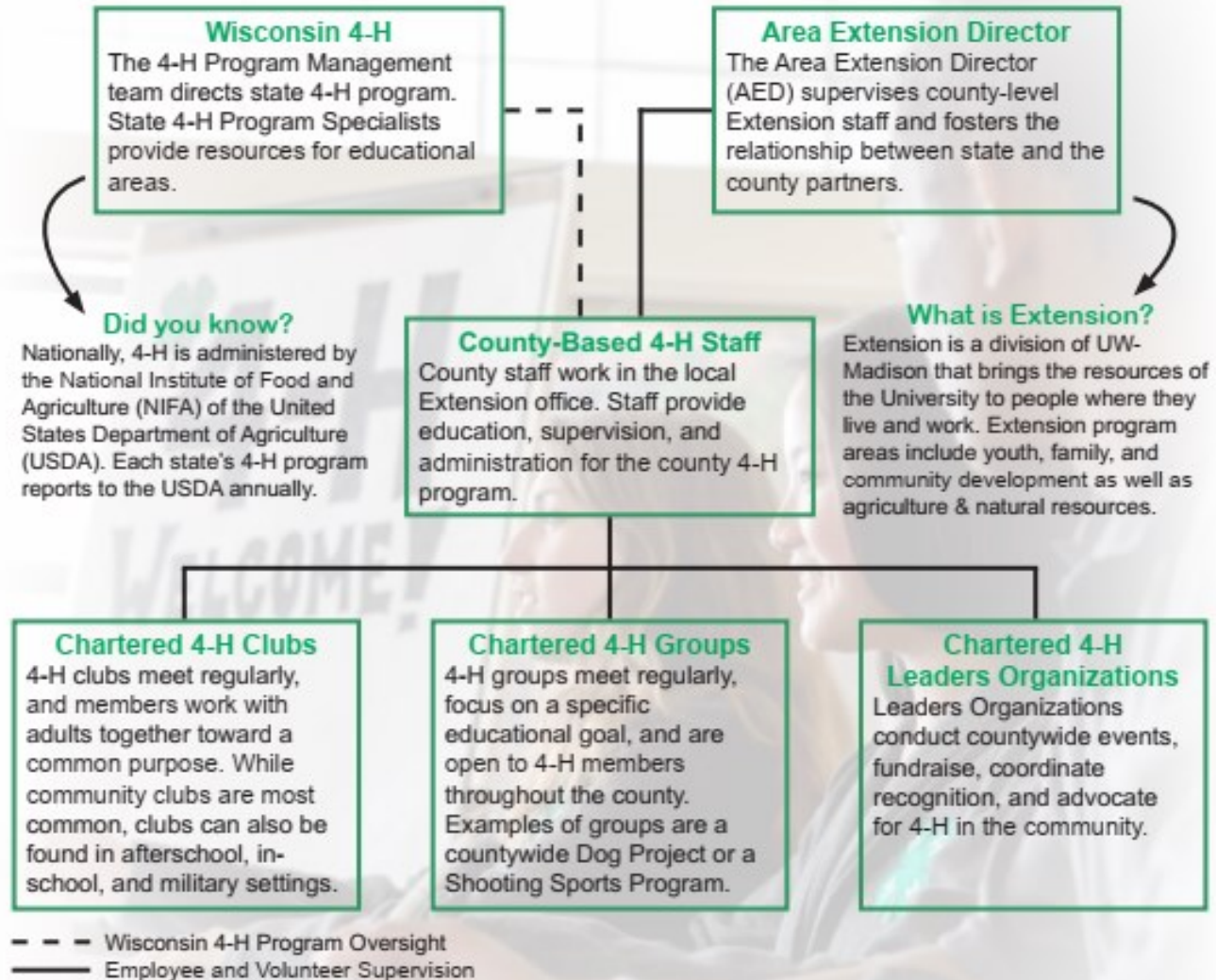
Exploring 4-H for New Families

Adult Edition



Beyond the Club

You're a part of something big! 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization, with more than 6 million members and over 90,000 clubs. Because of how big 4-H is, it can be hard to understand where you (and everyone else) fits into the greater scope of 4-H from a state and national level.



Where do I fit?

Most members get their start with a 4-H club. If your child wants to get more involved with 4-H beyond the club level, check with your club leader or your county-based 4-H staff to learn about additional 4-H opportunities. Getting involved with your county's groups or the Leaders Organization can be great ways to connect with new opportunities.



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)



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Member Edition



YOUTH Matter!

Youth lead and make decisions in 4-H clubs, groups, and experiences. That means that the most important piece of 4-H is YOU. As a 4-H member, you help to make decisions and can make your voice heard.

You can help to lead and make decisions in 4-H. Each statement is a way that you can get involved. Decide if you think the statement shows how you can be involved in 4-H at the club, county, state, or national level. Circle where this might apply. Some statements might apply to more than one level of 4-H.

EXAMPLE

Sign up for a committee to help run a local 4-H event.

Club County State National

Vote on topics at meetings.

Club County State National

Represent my region on the Wisconsin Leadership Council.

Club County State National

Lead other young people and be a mentor as a camp counselor.

Club County State National

Attend Leaders Organization meetings and share my opinions.

Club County State National

Apply to be a delegate for National 4-H Conference.

Club County State National

Run for an officer position.

Club County State National

Be on the 4-H Communications Team.

Club County State National

Apply for the 4-H Drama Company.

Club County State National

Be a counselor for Space Camp.

Club County State National

Teach other members something I know.

Club County State National

Be on the 4-H Arts Team.

Club County State National



Credit: Heidi Vanderloop Benson



4-H Drama Company performing at 4-H & Youth Conference

Credit: Wisconsin State 4-H Communications Team

Don't know what one of these statements is talking about? Ask your club leader, county-based 4-H staff, or do an online search with your parent/caregiver!

Which of these leadership opportunities sounded the most interesting?
Why is it interesting to you?

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