

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H SOCIAL MEDIA: JOIN US!

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### Sheboygan County 4-H Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sheboygancounty4h>



### Sheboygan County 4-H Project Ideas Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543479280927350/>



Happy Holidays from us to you!  
Sarah, Emily, and Tammy

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 4-H CLOVERLEAF CRIER ARTICLES

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

## \*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\* ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UWGB - SHEBOYGAN

We are implementing a new room reservation process on January 1, 2024. You are receiving this communication as a previous user of the rooms reserved through the UW Extension-Sheboygan County office.

Starting on January 1, 2024, users will be required to sign a Room Use and Expectations Request Form to reserve rooms. Room reservations will be confirmed once the signed form is received. The form is attached to this email for your reference.

How the new room reservation process will work:

- Contact the UW Extension-Sheboygan Office with your room reservation request.
- Receive an email with the [attached Room Use and Expectations Request form](#).
- Read, sign, and date the form agreeing to the terms.
- Email, mail, or drop off your signed form.
- Once your signed form is received, your room will be officially reserved.
- You will receive a reservation confirmation email.

Users who don't follow the agreed-upon use expectations will not be given future room reservations. The new room reservation process is to guarantee rooms are available upon arrival for our guests and staff that use the UW Extension-Sheboygan office conference rooms.

## SNOW/ICE & 4-H MEETINGS



Another winter has arrived and maybe with it the snow and ice! We don't want anyone to be stuck out in the cold, so there may be times when it is advisable to cancel county level 4-H meetings. The Extension Office has a meeting information line to keep you updated on any meeting cancellations due to weather! By calling 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, 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.

## \*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*4-H CLUB AND COMMITTEE SECRETARIES\*\*\*\*

Please make sure that I can keep up with your clubs and committees are up to by submitting your meeting notes to the folder for your group at [Sheboygan County 4-H Club.Group Minutes](#). Please bookmark this link so that you can submit these easily each month. You can also e-mail them to [Emily.Jensen@wisc.edu](mailto:Emily.Jensen@wisc.edu) who will then place them in this folder. **Please use the following Naming Convention: month.date.year.nameofgroup."minutes"** (For example: 12.1.2023.LeadersAssociation.minutes)



## COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS

### CHRISTMAS IN THE WOODS UPDATE



Christmas in the Woods is almost here! Gather your family and friends and bring them to Camp Riversite for a fun and casual afternoon/evening of Christmas events.



This year we will have everyone's favorite horse-drawn wagon rides, a Christmas tree-lit walk, and some easy Christmas crafts for your family to enjoy. We will also adorn the trees with fruit and birdseed decorated mini wreaths for the forest critters to enjoy. And don't forget cookies and hot chocolate! A warming campfire will help everyone stay nice and toasty, too!

In the spirit of Christmas, we will be collecting donations for Paws Up Pet Rescue, a foster-based rescue in Sheboygan. Please stay tuned to Facebook for specifics on what items are needed for PUPR. Monetary donations are still appreciated to help offset the cost of the event.



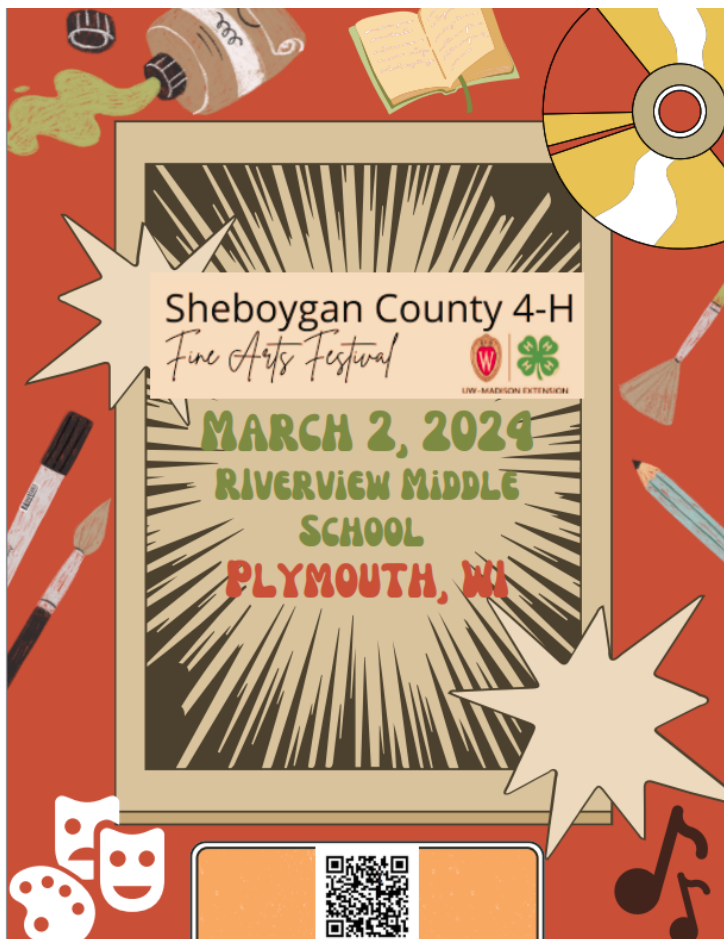
Date/time: Sunday, December 17, 4-6pm

Location: Camp Riversite, N2823 Camp Riversite Rd.

Who: EVERYONE! Please bring your family and friends!

Cost: suggested donation is \$3/person to help offset costs (please don't let this keep you from attending!)

Please contact Mollie at 920-980-9054 or [emt\\_mmt@yahoo.com](mailto:emt_mmt@yahoo.com) with any questions!



### 4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – MARCH 2, 2024 AT PLYMOUTH RIVERVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

This incredible opportunity offers our members and other youth the opportunity to showcase their oral, vocal, and performance art skills. This is a very special opportunity and has the potential to be an amazing community showcase of our talented members.

**The entry deadline is February 4, 2024 at midnight.**

Registration is available [online](#),  
or you can return this [form](#) to:

Sheboygan County UW-Extension  
5 University Dr.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Or submit via email to: [emily.jensen@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.jensen@wisc.edu)

This event cannot happen without a committee of committed **volunteers**. Can you help? This committee would need to meet at least once before the end of this year and then likely monthly until the event date. Please call Sarah at 920-459-5915 to volunteer for the Fine Arts Festival Committee.

## 4-H PROJECT DAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2024

We are still recruiting leaders for our 2024 4-H Project Day! Adult and older youth volunteers are needed to plan and lead our sessions so a registration form can be developed. Sessions will be held in 1-hour blocks of time. If you have something you can show participants how to do, please get in touch with Sarah Tarjeson.



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

- If you have a craft or project idea you could share with a class of up to 12 4-H members within 1- hour, call or email Sarah.
- If you don't have a solid idea of what you could share, don't hesitate to call and brainstorm with Sarah as soon as possible. Some of the kinds of projects we'd love to have include:
  - Rocketry
  - Paint Pour
  - Paracord Bracelets
  - Icebreakers and Team Building Games
  - Legos
  - Wearable Art
  - Woodworking
  - Photography
- If you don't know what you can make or teach but would like to help please call Sarah.
- If you know anyone creative and/or willing to share their skills, make sure they see this request for help.

You get the idea...we need volunteers to put this wonderful opportunity together, and we know there are so many talented and inspirational leaders among our teens and adults. Please get in touch with Sarah Tarjeson at [sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.tarjeson@wisc.edu) or 920-459-5915.



## CAMP STAFF WANTED!

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, held in partnership with the Manitowoc County 4-H Program, will be held **July 10-14, 2024** at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's five days and four 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!

Camp Staff Applications will be due on **February 12, 2024** and are now available! All older youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are encouraged and invited to apply. Interviews for this year's Camp Staff will be held on **Tuesday, February 20 from 6-8 p.m.**

**What about Outpost Camp?** 2024 Outpost Camp will be held **July 25-28, 2024** 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 12, 2024!!!!



## NEW 4-H FAMILY WELCOME

We want to welcome all new 4-H members and families to the Sheboygan County 4-H Program! We are excited that you have joined and hope you look forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun in 4-H. To help you and your family get off to a great start, we invite you to 4-H fun on **Tuesday, January 23rd, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at the Extension office at 5 University Drive, Sheboygan WI 53081 on the UWGB Sheboygan Campus.



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

All new 4-H families and/or any returning families interested in learning more about the Sheboygan County 4-H Program and all the great opportunities available through 4-H are invited to attend. Please RSVP using the registration form at <https://forms.gle/EnbeESHtV2i3Dv3G7>

## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

### Scholarship Supplement

Click on the headline above to see our special Scholarship Supplement for all opportunities to apply for scholarships shared with us!

## 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 engaging your members at your next meeting. I hope you enjoy these and please let me know how these suggestions work for you!



There are many different kinds of **Motions** when using Parliamentary Procedure: *Privileged Motions, Subsidiary Motions, Main Motions, and Incidental Motions*. Let's start at the very beginning, well what most people would consider the beginning...

**What is the Main Motion?** A motion that brings business before the group and which can be made only while no other motion is pending. **"I move we have a banquet."** That's it! It's just a suggestion that the group does something and gets the ball rolling to discuss it. If no one makes a motion, then you don't have anything to discuss. Main motions can come from any member, officer, committee, or subcommittee.

### 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 staff and/or volunteers are **REQUIRED** to collect the UW-Madison Youth Event Health Form from all youth participants for all overnight 4-H programs and/or activities. It is **RECOMMENDED** that Wisconsin 4-H Staff and/or volunteers collect the UW-Madison Youth Event Health Form from all youth participants for all 4-H programs and/or activities that are three or more hours in duration and where 4-H staff or volunteers are in custodial care.\*

\* It is recommended that staff or volunteers in the custodial care of youth in programs less than 3 hours should have access to emergency contact information for youth participants.

#### IMPORTANT:

- ALL overnight 4-H programs and activities must be reviewed and approved by the 4-H Program Educator.
- A Health Coordinator is required when collecting health forms.
- All health forms must be reviewed and possessed by a Health Coordinator during the 4-H program or activity.
- All health forms must be submitted to the Extension Office following the 4-H program or activity to comply with UW-Madison Records Retention policies.

## Volunteer Health Coordinator

The [Volunteer Health Coordinator](#) role provides leadership for the health and safety needs of participants and works cooperatively with youth and adult volunteers in providing a safe event for youth. More information can be found on the [Volunteer Health Coordinator Resources](#) webpage.

### Health Forms

- [4-H Youth Health Form 2023-2024](#) – This form is REQUIRED for youth participating in overnight 4-H programs and/or activities. This is the same information that is collected through the Health Form in 4-H Online.
- [Youth Event Health Form \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Youth Event Health Form Update/Changes](#) – All youth need to bring this form with them to the registration or bus-boarding site and give it to the chaperone. If there are no changes, please indicate where requested.
- [Health Form Update/Changes \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Adult Health Form](#) – This form is RECOMMENDED for adult participants at overnight programs. It is required for overnight camping programs.

### Other important information about Health Forms:

- The official UW-Madison Health Form has been reviewed and approved by UW-Madison Legal Counsel and the Office of Risk Management. No other health forms are to be used.
- Health forms for adults are recommended but not required.
- Youth participants that are 18 years and older can sign their own Health Form.
- Authorized facsimile or scanned signatures are acceptable.

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/>

## SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE CHANGES



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.

The 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board takes seriously their role in representing all leaders AND you are needed to speak in the direction of 4-H. Meetings of the **4-H Leaders Association Executive Board** are scheduled for 4 times a year at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office for the following dates:

November 20, 2023  
January 15, 2024  
May 20, 2024  
July 22, 2024

TWO BI-ANNUAL Meetings of the ENTIRE LEADERS ASSOCIATION will be scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office for the following Dates.

March 18, 2024, *Parliamentary Procedure Workshop starting at 6:00 p.m.*  
September 16, 2024 *Fair Review Meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.*

All Leaders, Parents, Members, and Community Partners are invited to attend these meetings!!!! 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.

## 2024 4-H VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



I am thrilled as I look forward to the new 4-H year and all the opportunities we have for our members. Several new project leaders have stepped up and filled in some much-needed gaps. This year, I'd like to focus on filling some of our program committees with active members who have a passion for the content and the opportunities provided through these programs. I encourage you to check out the spreadsheet in the link below and add your name and contact info to any of the sheets that include a program that interests you. The tabs along the bottom of the page indicate the number of different committees that need support.

Please do this by December 14, 2023, so that we can have these groups in place as we start the new calendar year! **Use this Link:** [2024 4-H Volunteer Sign-up](#)

### 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING

I know that volunteering for the youth of Sheboygan County is not something you take lightly and is not something 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 my role of helping you navigate your volunteers' roles and responsibilities in a palatable and even fun way through this 4-H program seriously. I believe that volunteering should be both fun and rewarding for the youth and the adults in our program.**

**Here's what UW-Extension says:** All 4-H programs and activities must be supervised by a staff member or an approved 4-H volunteer, 18 years of age or older, who has completed all the following steps:

**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)

**Step 3: Complete Volunteer Training Modules:**

- [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\*\***
  - The upcoming dates are:
  - Thursday, December 7th – 3:00 – 4:30pm
  - Tuesday, December 9th – 9:00 – 10:30pm
  - Wednesday, December 11th – 6:30 – 8:00pm
  - Saturday, December 19 – 4:30 – 6:00pm
  - Saturday, December 28 – 11:30am – 1:00pm

To register for these dates, volunteers can visit: <https://go.wisc.edu/26625i>

- **Module 4 (for chaperones only): Volunteers serving as a chaperone will need also to complete the Supporting Youth Mental Health Training**

## 4-H New Volunteer Orientation

- Learn more about volunteering for UW-Madison Division of Extension
- Understand how to build safe spaces for youth & volunteers
- Discover the history and philosophies of 4-H
- Gain resources and tools that you can use in your volunteer role

Orientation held using Zoom

Many dates & times available -- visit <https://go.wisc.edu/8pr49v> to sign up





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

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



## 4-H PIZZA SALE UPDATE

Remember that the pizza sale pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at the Sheboygan County Fair Park from **9:00 until 9:30 a.m.** You must enter Gate 2 and exit Gate 1! If you are interested in helping with the Pizza Sale pick-up, please call UWEX at 920-459-5903.

## WI STATEWIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H THRIVING SURVEY – WATCH YOUR INBOX!

Watch your email inbox (the one you use with 4H Online) the first week of November for your link to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey! Youth ages 13-18 will receive a link to share your input about your 4-H experiences. The results will help us evaluate and communicate how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by email in the first week of November. The survey link will be open for 4 weeks. **Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card.** Fill out the survey to help Wisconsin achieve a 30%+ response rate.

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the 2022 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, please visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#). Watch for your link in email and help us tell the story of 4-H in Wisconsin!

### WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION HONORS TOP DONORS: INCLUDING SHEBOYGAN CO PARTNERS

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation would like to recognize its generous donors. The support of these generous partners provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin.

#### **Emerald Clover (\$25K+)**

- Compeer Financial
- JOANN
- Tractor Supply Company
- Platinum Clover (\$10K-\$24,999)
- AgCountry Farm Credit Services
- ALCIVIA Cooperative
- Andis Foundation
- Cedar Crest Ice Cream
- Crave Brothers Farm
- Egg Innovations
- GreenStone Farm Credit Services
- UW Provision Company

#### **Silver Clover (\$5K-\$7,499)**

- CHS, Inc.
- Gibbsville Implement
- Land o' Lakes Foundation
- Merwin Farms
- Wisconsin Beef Council

- Wisconsin Farm Bureau
- Wisconsin Souvenir Milkcaps

#### **Bronze Clover (\$2,500-\$4,999)**

- Daluge Travel
- Hartmann Sand & Gravel
- Hull Farm of Lake Geneva/Jones Family Farm
- Sartori Company
- Saz's Hospitality Group
- Randy Schopen Memorial Foundation
- Patrick & Janet Thompson Family Foundation
- Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors

#### **Green Clover (\$1K-\$2,499)**

- Cornerstone Foundation of Northeastern Wisconsin
- Crane Farms
- Cropp Cooperative
- Gerner Farms
- William S. Knight Foundation

- Major Goolsby's
- Manna Pro
- Edward J. Okray Foundation
- Sunnyside Hatchery
- Ultimate Confections
- Wisconsin Farmers Union

"We are truly grateful for the continued support of our generous partners," says Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "These organizations help Wisconsin 4-H create cutting-edge, relevant programs for young people to learn real-world skills that will prepare them for the challenges of today and tomorrow, moving communities, the state, our country and the world forward in ways no other youth organization can. We value our partners who help Wisconsin 4-H make a positive impact on our youth. We couldn't do it without them. Thank you."

Since 1914, Wisconsin 4-H has helped young people develop the skills they need to meet the demands of our complex and changing world. Growing out of a rich history of agricultural clubs that helped the University of Wisconsin Extension connect families to research-based advancements in farming technology and techniques, today's 4-H has expanded to include science (STEM), leadership, healthy living and communications programming that will help Wisconsin youth build a healthier and more prosperous future.

4-H is one of the largest and oldest statewide youth organizations in Wisconsin, offering a wide variety of programs in both urban and rural settings. From the 4-H activities in the city of Milwaukee to the 4-H clubs in rural areas of Bayfield County, 4-H is making a positive impact on young people throughout the state. Nearly 150,000 youth participate in the Wisconsin 4-H program each year, and more than 22,000 volunteers support the program. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H leadership, youth development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).

## 4-H SPACE CAMP 2024

Registration for 2024 4-H Space Camp opens this week in 4HOnline! Registration is open to youth in grades 6-8 who are newcomers to Space Camp. This educational experience is a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn about aerospace, STEM, explore Space Camp, meet new people, and more! Registration will open at 9am on November 15th. You can read more on our website: [go.wisc.edu/spacecamp](http://go.wisc.edu/spacecamp)



## WISCONSIN 4-H STATE ART TEAMS

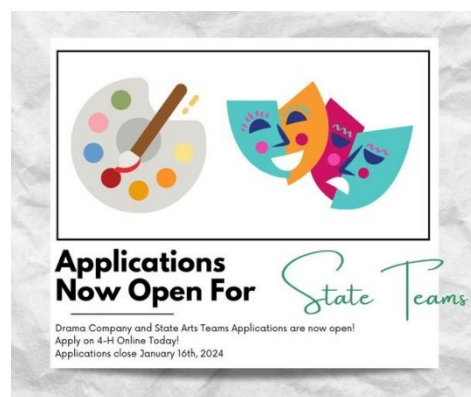
The 2024 State Arts Team and Drama Company applications are NOW OPEN until January 16th, 2024.

When you apply to either of these state teams, you will be on a team with other youth from around the state of Wisconsin who share the same passion, and enjoy being creative! Whether that be by creating art or being involved in putting on drama shows, you can do it with Wisconsin 4-H!

You can apply now by clicking here:

State Arts Team: <https://23wi4hartteam.4honline.com/>

Drama Company: <https://23wi4hdco.4honline.com/>



## 4-H NIGHT WITH THE HERD

**Extension**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# Wisconsin 4-H Night

**OSHKOSH ARENA | 1212 S MAIN ST OSHKOSH, WI 54902**

Join friends, family, and staff of Wisconsin 4-H for a fun night out with the Wisconsin Herd! All kids within the 4-H Club group purchasing through this link will get to participate in:

- Pre-game Career in Sports Panel
- Pre-Game watch (sitting courtside, and receive autographs from the Herd for kids)
- Jockey High Five Tunnel

**GAME:**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**@7PM**

**VS**

**LIMITED INVENTORY! SIGN UP FOR TICKETS TODAY!**

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION: SCAN THE QR CODE! OR VISIT:**  
[fevognm.com/Wisconsin4h](https://fevognm.com/Wisconsin4h)



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR WITH QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
**TREVOR KROLL AT 920.744.0263 OR [TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM](mailto:TKROLL@WISCONSINHERD.COM)**





## RECOGNITION



### 4-H AWARDS CEREMONY

A fabulous 4-H Awards program was held at Acuity once again this year. This program is our opportunity to recognize Cloverbud and Clover Award Recipients, Project and Trip Award Winners, Achieving Ambassadors, Meritorious Service and Friend of 4-H Winners and of course our esteemed Adult Leaders. It's important that

we not only celebrate our achievements but celebrate and recognize one another! Thank you to all who attended the Awards Ceremony at Acuity and a special thank you to:

- **Key Keyes** for assisting with Project Award Interviews.
- **Club General Leaders** and **Enrollment Coordinators** who went to work and got all of their members to enroll on time. Thank you...it really makes a difference as project leaders plan and prepare for the upcoming year!
- The **4-H Youth Emcees, Ushers and Volunteers** including **Braeden Albrecht, Evan Erdmann, Haylie Habeck, Luke Habeck, Weston Huenink, Ereka Kaat, Alison, LeMahieu, Caden LeMahieu, Ceana Nicolaus, Anya Olson, Calvin Olson, Aaron Roblee, Grace Roblee, Anthony Schaefer, David Schaefer, Mercy Schaefer, and Zach Schaefer** for helping to host the 2023 Annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Program. Your dedication made all of our award recipients nights a special one!
- All of our **General Leaders** and **Committee Chairs** for their reflection and completion of the annual charter documents. We also appreciate all the hard work and time they put in.
- **Congratulations to Toni Kreif** named among our esteemed Meritorious Service Winners. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our program.
- This year we honored **Gibbsville Cheese as our 2023 Friend of 4-H Award Recipient**. Thanks again!



## 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

### 4-H PROJECT LEADERS – PROPER ENROLLMENT!

If you think you are a project leader in 4-H or you want to be a Project Leader in 4-H . . . YOU MUST DO THIS!!!!!!

1. ENROLL!!!!!!! 😊
2. ADD Your Volunteer Type as Project Leader
3. Select any type of Project Leader that makes sense to you!
4. ADD YOUR PROJECTS!

You will not get important project e-mails, be considered a voting member of that project or receive mailings unless you complete this important step in [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)!



### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF 4-H PROJECT LEADERS?

- First, make sure you're an enrolled 4-H Leader or enrolled as a Youth Leader IN THAT PROJECT!
- Get started now! Member enthusiasm for a project is highest at the time of enrollment. Find out who is enrolled in the project and set up your meetings.
- Help members keep a record of what they did or made in the project during the year.
- Review progress toward the year's goals at your final meeting of the year.
- Organize and conduct at least three to six project meetings per year. Remember project tours and individual sessions can be offered to members in addition to group meetings.
- Involve youth leaders in meaningful ways. They are capable of helping in planning and teaching--not just being the helper or the clean up crew!
- Set an example in being prepared, organized, and flexible in working with youth.

## COOKING WITH MEAT PROJECT BOX

Do you want to learn more about cooking with meat from one of the following market animal projects: beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, or rabbit?

Calumet County 4-H and the Distance Learning Team brings you the opportunity to participate in the Cooking with Meat Project Box. By participating in this distance learning project, youth will learn the following:

- The safe way to cook, store, freeze and thaw meat of the different project species.
- How to find the correct internal temperature of meat cuts.
- Try different recipes, helping them learn different ways to flavor and cook meat.

We encourage youth to learn to cook with the animal species they may be raising, but also to try others to learn some differences and other skills. There will be a Zoom meeting hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Livestock Specialist, to lead youth through a cooking lesson, using the information in the Cooking with Meat box.

Youth participants will also have access to a Google website where copies of the handouts will be available, the recording will be posted, and for them to engage with other youth from around the state to share what they cook. This box will have some delicious recipes to help you learn some valuable life skills, so don't miss out on this scrumptious opportunity! Boxes will be picked up from your local county extension office. Registration closes on December 15th. [You can register here.](#)

Included in the box:

- Meat probe
- Cutting Board
- Bamboo Skewers
- Internal temp magnet
- Cooking with meat book
- Access to virtual cooking session in Jan or Feb 2024
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Thank you to Conteva AgriScience and the WI 4-H Foundation for helping to provide funds for this opportunity for youth. Also, a special thank you to the WI Beef Council and the WI Pork Association for assisting with the dissemination of information for the purpose of this project box.

Any questions, please reach out to Calumet County 4-H Program Educator, Carlea Liermann, at [carlea.liermann@wisc.edu](mailto:carlea.liermann@wisc.edu) or 920-483-0646.

## Cooking with Meat Project Box



The graphic features a green header with the title "Cooking with Meat Project Box". Below the header, on the left, is a circular logo with a green border containing a white chef's hat and a green clover. To the right of the logo is a pink box titled "Information you should know:" containing three bullet points: "Grades 3 & Up can participate", "All youth in all counties are eligible to participate", and "Kits will be sent to county offices for distribution first week of January — please keep this in mind before ordering a box". Below the pink box is a list titled "What's Included:" with five items: "meat probe", "cutting board", "bamboo skewers", "internal temp magnet", and "cooking with meat book". To the right of the list is a photograph of a cooked meatloaf with a meat probe inserted into it. Below the list is a brown cardboard box with a sign that says "Register open until December 15th:" and a QR code. At the bottom left is a green clover logo with "4-H" inside. At the bottom center is the "Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON" logo. At the bottom right is a small pink box with text about 504 and ADA accommodations.

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## CLOVERBUD PROJECT NEWS

The Cloverbuds had a blast last month learning about Money-Money-Money! This month we shift gears just a bit to share the story "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie" We'll also talk a bit about Holiday Traditions and share a holiday treat as well.

Join us for the Countywide Cloverbud Meeting on **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension office 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Older Youth Leaders are Welcome!

New this month – We will offer a very brief breakout for parents of Cloverbud age kiddos. Parents who come with their Cloverbuds will step out for a short opportunity to talk about a variety of topics with our Extension Human Development Relationships Educator, Alicia Utke-Becher. I love this lady and you will too!



Date	Cloverbud Topic	Parent Topic	Time and Location
Thursday, December 21, 2023	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie – Decorating Cookies	Strengthening Family Bonds Through Traditions	6:00 p.m. at Extension
Thursday, January 18, 2024	The Dot- Art for the Fine Arts Festival		6:00 p.m. at Extension
Thursday, February 15, 2024	Corduroy – How to Sew a Button		6:00 p.m. at Extension

## SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

There will be leader training for anyone interested in becoming certified to help supervise the ranges for either archery or air rifle. The closest one to us will be held in **West Bend on February 3, 2024.**



The registration deadline is January 26, 2024. We will reimburse the full cost for anyone who gets the training! There is an online portion to complete before the in-person training. More information is found here:

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

Please contact Becky ([rchoyt98@gmail.com](mailto:rchoyt98@gmail.com)) or Michelle Adams ([jandmadams23@gmail.com](mailto:jandmadams23@gmail.com)) with questions.

## WILDLIFE AND WOODS VIRTUAL SERIES

# Wildlife & Woods

## EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

### FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

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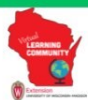
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MAY 22, 2024

Register via 4-H  
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To learn more about virtual learning opportunities,  
please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)



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## CAT PROJECT “MEWS”

It's that special time of the year when we gather with friends and family to celebrate all the wonderful holidays (and food) this season brings. As joyous as this time is, we all know how stressful it can be as well. This is especially true for our pets. Since the project will not be gathering until after the New Year, here are some tips to help keep everyone safe and happy:



- Seasonal Plants: Amaryllis, Cyclamen, Ivy, Mistletoe, Holly, Lilies, Christmas trees and tree water – Ingestion can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cardiovascular problems, kidney failure and even death.
- Decorations: Tinsel, Garland and Ribbon – Playing leads to chewing which can lead to swallowing causing blockages and other damage to the esophagus and digestive tract including emergency surgery.
- Holiday Food: Chocolate, dairy, sweets, fatty or salty food like turkey skin, gravy or ham trimmings, yeast dough, onion and bones (especially cooked). Besides the risks of choking, symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, excessive urination and dehydration, seizures, pancreatitis, anemia, coma and death.
- Stranger Danger – Even the most social of pets can get overwhelmed with all the noise and commotion of the festivities. Make sure they have a safe, comfortable space to retreat to with their necessities (i.e. litterbox, food & water, bed etc.) Keeping a close eye on the door whenever guests come and go will help prevent unwanted escapes.

The **next project meeting will be January 22 at 6:30 pm at UW Extension**. We will hand out and briefly discuss the project's handbook as well as basic anatomy, nutrition and a nail trimming demo.

Last but not least, even though the new 4-H year has started, it's never too late to join so make sure you spread the word. Remember, you can **earn \$100 in Kitty Kash** when you recruit a friend to the project.

Meowy Christmas and Hairy Pawlidays to everyone!

## KICK-OFF MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND SKILLATHON TEAMS

Are you a 4-H member in Sheboygan County that is interested in learning more about the beef, swine, sheep, and goat projects? If you are, we would love to have you join us for an organizational meeting as we form our Sheboygan County 2024 Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon teams. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the UW-Sheboygan Extension Office**.



We will have a brief meeting with a short practice. Practices will be held weekly on Thursday evenings from January through mid-March. The contest date is set for Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at UW- Madison.

Being a member of a livestock quiz bowl and skillathon team will encourage youth to develop a more complete knowledge of the livestock projects and related subjects. In addition, it provides a way to develop self-confidence, knowledge, skills and memories that will last a lifetime. This contest open to all 4-H members, including those who may not own a project animal. We will be using the online program Quizlet as a study guide.

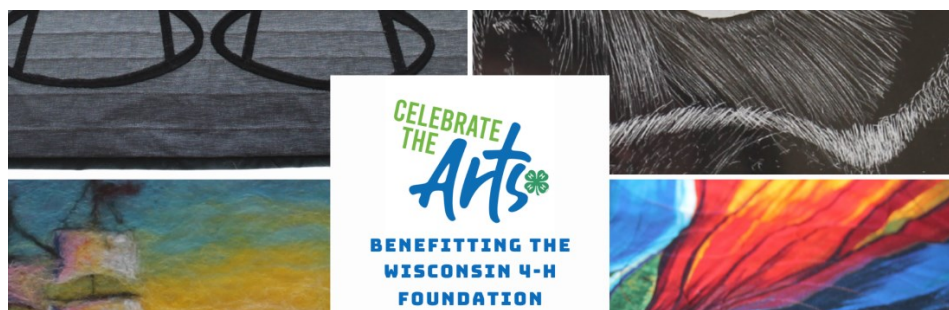
If you are interested in assisting the coaching staff, please contact one of us for more information as to how you can help. Any questions can be directed to the following individuals:

Liz Gartman at [egartman@gmail.com](mailto:egartman@gmail.com) or 920-207-3727

Michelle Klemme at [klemmeherefords@gmail.com](mailto:klemmeherefords@gmail.com) or 920-901-7373

We hope you can join us!

## WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION KICKS OFF WISCONSIN 4-H ART CONTEST



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.

The contest is broken into nine categories:

1. Drawing Using Any Medium
2. Painting (acrylic, watercolor or oil)
3. Pottery, Ceramics or Clay
4. Photography
5. Paper
6. Fabric, Yarn or Fiber
7. Any Other Media (ex: digital, metalcraft, jewelry, leatherwork, wax, eggshells, taxidermy, etc.)
8. 4-H Art – Non-Photography
9. 4-H Art Photography

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$100 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$150 cash award. Other art may be recognized but will not receive a cash award. Winners will be notified by email in March. A complete winner's list, as well as photos of the winning entries, will be on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website by late March.

To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year. Entrants do not need to be enrolled in any specific project to participate.

### *Entry Information*

- Entries will be accepted from Tuesday, November 1, 2023, until midnight on Monday, January 15, 2024.
- A photo of the entry and the completed entry form must be submitted through the contest website: <https://forms.gle/gD4XtMMUGAoPdEuX9> or
- A tip sheet for entrants is available on the entry page. Please review this information to learn how best to present and share your art.
- Each artist may submit one entry in one or more category but may submit only one entry in any one category. Example: Fred can submit a photo, a chalk drawing and a ceramic dish, but he cannot enter two photos.

For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos of artwork, please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/arts-communication/celebrate-the-arts/>

The winners in each category and the Best of Show will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Winning artwork must be brought to the nearest 4-H Office or the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation in Madison no later than March 15. All rights to the winning pieces of art become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and artists relinquish all rights to use, reproduce or exhibit their entry. Winning entries may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to raise funds to support the 4-H program. Photos of any entry or written submission information may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote or to raise funds for 4-H.

\*Artists may be asked to sign their work or to sign reproductions of their work. Artists may also be asked to attend an event where their art will be sold or displayed.

**Questions?** Contact Justin Lieck: (608) 263-5971, [justin.lieck@wisc.edu](mailto:justin.lieck@wisc.edu)

## PROJECT SUPPORT FOR YOUR SPARKS

Youth who join 4-H are often excited about the many, many projects they can choose to explore. There are so many Sparks (or things they want to learn about)! Yet, if their Spark doesn't have a local project leader to support their learning, that excitement can turn to questions. They may not know how to get started on their own.



Clover to the rescue!! Clover is an online smorgasbord of sparks, interactive activities, and fun. It was created by the National 4-H Council in collaboration with more than 100 universities throughout the United States. And it's FREE and ready for youth, parents, and educators to dive into.

To start exploring:

1. Go to [4-h.org/clover](http://4-h.org/clover)
2. Create a login
3. Click on activities
4. Search for your Sparks

It's that simple. In Clover, you can connect with others in your club or group, track your progress through pins and achievements, and best of all, explore your Sparks! Most activities can be accessed in different formats (interactive online, basic webpage, or download PDF), making access flexible based on your local needs and bandwidth.

An honest note about the site:

- Is Clover perfect? No.
- Might there be moments of frustration as you learn to navigate the system? Most likely.
- Does it get easier as you go? Yes.
- Is the content worth it? Absolutely!

No project leader? No problem. Have fun exploring your Sparks with Clover!



# Exploring 4-H for New Families

Adult Edition



## 4-H Club Meetings

Almost every 4-H club holds **regular** club meetings. Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts—**recreation (fun)**, **business**, and **learning**. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club.

Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each meeting. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!

### What is **my role** as an adult?

Adults help create a safe, positive atmosphere for all 4-H members when they empower and encourage youth. While at a meeting, it's important to be a positive role model for everyone in attendance. Caring adults play an important role in the mental health of youth, and 4-H can help connect youth with positive adults.



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### Make this a **positive experience**.

1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
2. Let youth run the meeting. It's their club!
3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
4. Ask your club leader how you can help.
5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker!

### Should I **stay** or should I **go**?

It's strongly recommended that parents/guardians attend the 4-H meeting with your child. Club meetings provide great opportunities to learn with other club members, but the learning doesn't stop there. By attending the meeting, you can reflect on the meeting together and continue the education outside the club.

Parliamentary Procedure Answer Key (see Member Edition):

1. Motion | 2. Second | 3. Discuss | 4. Re-state the motion | 5. Vote



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







## Get to Know Your Club

All 4-H clubs have adult leaders and youth decision makers. Most clubs have youth officers, like a president or a treasurer. Fill in the name and role of your club leaders, and then ask them a question. Try to meet a new club member that you don't know yet, too!

Role	Name	Question	Answer
Adult Leader		How long have you been the club leader?	
Youth President/Leader		What's the best part of being a club officer?	
		How many years have you been in 4-H?	
		What's your favorite hobby outside of 4-H?	
		What's your favorite part of 4-H?	

## How is the meeting run?

Most 4-H clubs use **parliamentary procedure** to make club decisions. See if you can put the five steps of this procedure in order. Each step is written in **bold**. The answers are found at the bottom of the adult edition.

**Re-state the Motion**—The president restates the motion before the group votes.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion**—The motion is discussed by all members. Members might want to bring up good or bad things about the motion, or maybe find some ways that it needs to be changed.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion**—A motion is a request that something can be done. Only one motion should be placed before the group at one time. A motion can be discussed and changed.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote**—The group votes to decide if they will pass or deny the motion. Voting usually happens by voice. Members say “aye” if they agree, and “nay” if they disagree. Voting sometimes happens in other ways (secret ballot, show of hands).

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Second**—If someone agrees with the motion, they can “second the motion,” which means it can be discussed by all members.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

*Adapted from Quick and Easy Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, Wisconsin 4-H Southern District Leadership Team, 2001.*

## How are you a part of parliamentary procedure as a club member?

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