



Spring is finally here! These are the days when 45-degree weather feels like a heat wave; you see people driving with their windows down and hear children laughing as they play outside. Along with that, we also see a lot of mud! Sometimes, it takes looking through that mud to see the tiny shoots popping through the ground of the new growth of flowers.

If you talk with a gardener, much tender loving care goes into fostering those little buds to grow into beautiful flowering plants. In the fall, they cover the area with straw or mulch to give them an extra blanket to protect them from the frost and snow. In spring, they clear the area away, ensuring they get plenty of sunlight. Others do some pruning before the new growth starts. Some people even go as far as posting Instagram photos on Facebook to showcase their little buds!

The same concept applies to fostering relationships between adults and youth in 4-H. Volunteers and members have to look through the mud to see the best potential in each other during club and project meetings. Adult and youth leaders create opportunities to allow youth members to shine as they do demonstrations or lead project meetings. Whether it's Spring, Summer, Winter, or Fall, there are always a lot of club and county project meetings and community service opportunities for youth and families to participate in. These positive youth development moments help members blossom into positive youth leaders, lifelong learners, and productive citizens.

April 21-27, 2024, is National Volunteer Week. Make sure to thank your youth and adult 4-H volunteers!

Sarah, Emily and Tammy

April 2024

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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** will be uploaded in this form by the 20th of each month. Please plan!!!!

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 must 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 guarantees that rooms are available upon arrival for our guests and staff who use the UW Extension-Sheboygan office conference rooms.

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. If you have searched for 2 minutes or more, that's too long – please call or e-mail! 920-459-5903 or ejjensen6@wisc.edu

COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS



CAMP RIVERSITE CLEANUP DAY

Spring has sprung and summer will be here before you know it! We hope you are enjoying your spring traditions and have taken some time to enjoy the breath of fresh air that comes in with the sunshine and clean rain!

In a continued effort to share the blessing and responsibility of our 4-H Camp Riversite the Camp Riversite Management Committee and the Sheboygan County 4-H Leaders Association is asking for your help with spring cleaning! We are asking that 4-H clubs share in our club rotation system that encourages all club participation. This system works very well for other responsibilities such as Youth Building Clean-up for the County Fair.

Below you will find a 4-H Camp Riversite Clean-up Schedule with all of the clubs listed. Because we have 23 outstanding 4-H Clubs in Sheboygan County, the schedule is tentatively set to 2026. **You will notice that we have specified the number of youth and adults as guidelines based on club enrollment for the current year. Please use that number when recruiting volunteers from within your club.**

2024

<u>2024</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Youth</u>
4-H Rangers	1	2
Hingham Handy Helpers	3	6
Clover Crusaders	1	2
Willing Workers	3	6
Hub City	1	2
Scott Pioneers	2	3
Town and Country	1	2
Sheboygan County Wranglers	3	6

2025

Spring Valley
Johnsonville Hustlers
Leaping Lizards
Wilson Wildcats
Trailblazers
Parnell Pals
Waldo Fireflies

2026

Herman Cheeri-os
Hub City
Lakeview Badgers
Madison All Stars
Ourtown Orioles
4-H Eagles
Sherman Workers
Ourtown Orioles



This year's 4-H Camp Riversite Spring Cleaning is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon**. We are requesting that volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as cleaning the cabin and shelter, digging out the firepit, picking up sticks in advance of mowing, clearing the trails, cutting back brush, etc. The 4-H Camp Riversite Committee Members will provide direction. Please dress appropriately for the weather with boots, jeans, and sweatshirts. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, brush and branch clippers, and chainsaws (adults only)!

4-H Camp Riversite is a wonderful and rich asset to our program and can be utilized free of charge by all Sheboygan County 4-H'ers throughout the year. We need your club's support to keep it in fine shape and ready for our busy summer season. If your club is scheduled for the 2023 4-H Camp Riversite spring cleaning, please recruit help and send them our way! If your club is not assigned you are still welcome! Thank you for making the best better for the beautiful 4-H Camp Riversite!

P.S. If anyone adult is interested in brush mowing the trails a few times this summer, please contact Ron Gerrits at rgerrits@charter.net. We will supply the brush mower.

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



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE CAMP

*****NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM 4 NIGHTS TO 3 *******

This year's Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 11-14, 2024:**

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! Recreation, crafts, and nature exploration programs 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 \$225 after May 1st- NO EXCEPTIONS). Sheboygan County 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss!

4-H Base Camp 101 ****NEW*****

Want to learn more about the Sheboygan County 4-H Base Camp Experience? Join us for an informational Zoom on Thursday, April 4th @ 6:30 p.m. to:

- learn why camp is such a vital part of a young person's development
- get a sneak peek of the facilities at Upham Woods
- Meet your Junior Staff and Adult Camp Directors
- ask questions about the experience, and
- become comfortable with the camp scene.

To Join this 4-H Base Camp 101 Zoom Meeting, click on the following link:

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/99260484127?pwd=U1hHWTI5YWJLZWWhYUGVPTFpBZWYxdz09&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 992 6048 4127

Passcode: 651292

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY OUTPOST CAMP

2024 Outpost Camp will be held July 25-28, 2024 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 \$225 after May 1st NO EXCEPTIONS!)

4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP - August 2, 2024

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 FAIREST OF THE FAIR

Are you passionate about the Sheboygan County Fair and the fair industry? Do you want to make an impact within Sheboygan County by being a role model? Then apply to become the 2024 Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair!



The application for the 2024 Sheboygan County Fairest of the Fair is LIVE at

bit.ly/shebcofairest2024. Applications are due April 12 at midnight!

All individuals 18 years of age as of January 1st, 2025 and either a resident of Sheboygan County or a current member/graduate in good standing in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter of Sheboygan County are welcome to apply. Have any questions? Please email shebcofairest@gmail.com

WI 4-H STATE AND NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



SHOUT OUT TO AN OUTSTANDING 4-H VOLUNTEER!

4-H Volunteers make a difference – and we want to hear from you about the outstanding 4-H volunteers in your local clubs and groups! We're looking to shine a spotlight on the contributions of 4-H volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April. If you want to share a shout out for a fantastic 4-H volunteer, fill out the [Google Form at this link](#) for them to be considered for the 4-H Volunteer Spotlight on social media!

INTRODUCING THE 2024 SUMMER ACADEMY!

Hosted by Wisconsin 4-H and Community Youth Development of UW-Madison Extension.

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, June 24-27, 2024. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. [The schedule for 2024 Summer Academy will be available soon.](#)

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:

- Agriculture & Animal Sciences
- Baking & Decorating
- Biological Sciences
- Civic Engagement
- Climate Science and Ecosystem Resilience
- Dairy Sciences
- Diesel / Ag Equipment Technician
- Expressive Arts
- Health/Medical/Pharmacy
- Human Services + Education
- Skilled Trades
- Transportation/ Automotive

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!

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation would like to share some happenings and events—please share and help us spread the word.

- **Tractor Supply Company:** Tractor Supply Company (TSC) raises funds for Wisconsin 4-H by hosting paper clover campaigns held in the spring and fall. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming and financial aid for 4-H youth. We encourage clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the paper clover campaigns. This spring the Foundation is offering an opportunity for clubs to earn a \$50 TSC gift card. Go to: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/tscpaperclover/>



JOANN Stores: JOANN is in the middle of their annual point-of-service campaign. You can support Wisconsin 4-H through your purchases. See more here: <https://4-h.org/support/corporate-foundation-support/joann-fabric-and-craft-stores/>

BRING A GROUP TO UW-MADISON TO EXPLORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Are you interested in bringing a group of youth to UW-Madison campus to explore science? There are 10 different science venues to choose from and over 25 workshops to experience. From astronomy to stem cells, there are hands-on workshops for everyone to explore. Fill out the [UW-Madison Campus Science Field Trip Interest Form](#) to reserve your

date now. Questions? Reach out to [Liz Jesse, Science Outreach Specialist](#)

4-H VOLUNTEER & FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WI 4-H CONNECTING VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF 4-H

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, join us for one of two zooms to Connect with Volunteers! Local 4-H programs rely on caring adult volunteers, and we want to celebrate you and build connections! All 4-H volunteers are encouraged to join in an hour-long zoom to network with other 4-H volunteers and enjoy small group discussions to share ideas and learn from others. To register for the zoom, click on one of these links:

- April 22nd Noon - 1:00 p.m. - <https://go.wisc.edu/tz4033>
- April 22nd 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - <https://go.wisc.edu/3xz625>

We hope this sharing opportunity will provide new ideas and connections across the 4-H program statewide!

4-H PAID SUMMER INTERN APPLICATION

We are now accepting applications for our 2024 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 April 1!](#) If you have any questions regarding the 4-H Summer Intern position, please contact Sarah at 459-5903.



SPRING 4-H CLUB LEADERSHIP MEETING

Our Spring 4-H Club Leader Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 25th**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Extension office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Leaders will take an in-depth look into the results of the Thriving Youth Survey and explore:

- Countywide opportunities for club participation.
- Engaging Parents and Grandparents in the program
- Travel Opportunities offered through 4-H
- And Older Youth activities within your club.

This is one of only TWO opportunities currently offered for our club leaders each year. All ADULT club leaders are welcome – those who have retired from their club and those currently serving.

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 suggestions. Please let me know how they work for you!

Lots of decisions are made about money in 4-H. These are very important decisions and help young people learn about the value of money and how the "economy or 4-H" works. Here are some helpful reminders along with a link to additional valuable resources.

General Practices for 4-H Club Treasurers

- The treasurer position in a 4-H Club is a youth position. This is a valuable youth leadership role.
- Checks should require two signatures: the club treasurer and an adult volunteer leader. The two signatories should not be related to each other. Avoid having a parent-child as both signatories.
- Use good money-handling practices:
 - Write a receipt for all monies received. The receipt should include the amount, source of the funds (such as a car wash or plat book sale), the date, and the name of the person making the payment. Receipts are backup records for bank deposits made. Receipts should become a permanent part of the club files.
 - Deposit all monies into the bank account promptly.
 - Pay all bills promptly.
- Members need to approve payments through the approved budget. If the payment is outside the approved budget, the membership must vote on it at the next meeting.
- A payment approval form should be used, and the receipt for the purchase should be attached.
- Financial records should be updated and reported at each 4-H Club or Group meeting.

Discuss Money with Your 4-H Club or Group

- Members should vote on dues annually.
- Members should decide if fundraising is needed to have funds for their planned activities.
- Members should approve a budget.

Funds raised and donated in the name of 4-H are publicly accountable and must be used for 4-H educational purposes. Youth and adult volunteers handling 4-H money follow all [Wisconsin 4-H Financial Policies](#) and federal and state laws. Learn more at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/money-management/>

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!

EXCESS 4-H FUNDS POLICY

4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups must practice financial policies that retain their nonprofit status and prevents them from accidentally falling into a private foundation status with the IRS. This is the primary purpose for the policy on excess funds and the 5 year plan.

All 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups must use a cash accounting method. 4-H Clubs and groups are expected to be raising money for the next fiscal year, while spending money that was raised in the previous fiscal year. This means that a 4-H Club and Group may have obligations to pay for expenses that have not been fulfilled, while it is taking in cash receipts for fundraising.

For the purposes of this policy, "excess 4-H funds" are assets in excess of a chartered 4-H Club/Unit/Group's projected expenditures for two years, or \$1,000, whichever is greater. Chartered 4-H Clubs/Units/Groups shall hold no excess 4-H funds, unless that money is being saved for a specific programmatic objective that must be accomplished within five years and has been approved by the county 4-H staff member. (See 4-H Excess Funds and 5-Year Plan Document)

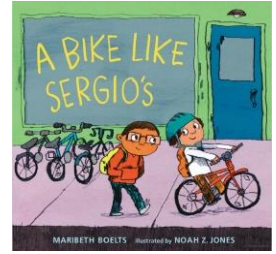
All Wisconsin 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>
All Sheboygan County 4-H Policies are accessible at: <https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leader-information/leaders-association/>

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION



CLOVERBUD PROJECT NEWS

The Cloverbuds had a blast reading "Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon" last month and learning how to share their unique selves and appreciate and encourage others.



This month, the Cloverbuds will celebrate Money Smart Wisconsin Week by reading "A Bike Like Sergio's" and participating in Junior Achievement money-smart activities.

Join us for the 4-H Countywide Cloverbud Meeting on **Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension office: 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Older Youth Leaders are Welcome! PLEASE RSVP AT [April 18 4-H Cloverbud Meeting](#)

RABBIT AND CAVY PROJECT NEWS

The April Cavy and Rabbit meeting will be Tuesday, **April 23rd**: 6:00-7:00 pm Cavy meeting and 7:00-8:00 pm Rabbit meeting at the UWEX Office. Members are encouraged to bring their cavy/rabbit to practice showmanship. A Jeopardy game will be played with questions from the handbook. If you have any questions, please text or call Barb Scholten at 920-980-4219.



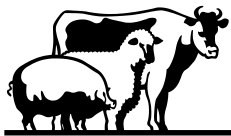
POULTRY PROJECT NEWS



We have one more meeting this year before the fair: Thursday, **June 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds Poultry Barn! All members are required to attend at least one meeting to show their birds** at the fair. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call Warren Clemens at 920-918-5654.

ROCKETRY PROJECT!

Come to the Extension office for another meeting on Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. You won't want to miss the fun!



GENERAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Species Specific</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
April 6th	10:00am	Kohlman Family Farms N6315 Branch Road, Plymouth	Lamb Selection	Sheep	Kirsten Kohlman
April 18th	7:00pm	UW Sheboygan - Extension Office	Feeding/Nutrition	Beef	Adell Co-op
May 8th	6:30pm	UW Sheboygan - Extension Office	In-person YQCA Training	N/A - Required YQCA training	Megan Hand
May 14th	7:00pm	Microsoft Teams	How the quality of feed affects your meat quality	Sheep	Leona Meyer
May 20th	6:30pm	UW Sheboygan - Extension Office	Budgeting/Record Keeping/Tax implications	General	Kelly Cowhig
June 12th	7:00pm	UW Sheboygan - Extension Office	Parasite Fright Night	Swine	Lindley Reilly, DVM - CG Vet Clinic
TBD	TBD	TBD	Ultrasound AI	Beef	
July 24th	6:00pm	Fairgrounds - M&R Pavilion	Premier Exhibitor Test/Skills	N/A - does not count as a meeting	Must let a committee member know by July 1st if you are unable to make it, to make other arrangements. No exceptions.

Notes/Reminders: All livestock program youth members need to meet the education requirement of 1 general livestock education meeting, 1 species specific education meeting and 1 YQCA completion (either in person or online are accepted).

Additional in-person and online educational events have been posted to the Sheboygan County General Livestock Committee Facebook page. These will count towards your education requirements; however, youth must complete the form located at: <https://www.shebcomas.com/forms/> and submit to the Sheboygan County Meat Animal Sale Committee via mail (SCMAS PO Box 115 Plymouth, WI 53073) or email (shebco.mas@gmail.com) for credit.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK T-SHIRT COMPETITION

We are looking for General Livestock Committee shirt designs! This year we are hosting a competition for a prize of \$25 to make a short for the general livestock projects. These shirts have to include show cattle, pigs, AND sheep. Please send your designs to jessicaookeefe7@gmail.com by April 30, 2024. We will vote on a design at our May meeting.



CAT PROJECT "MEWS"



The April project meeting will take place on **April 22**. We are very fortunate this is BEFORE the Open Show. We will use this time to focus on any questions you have about the show, check nails and ears (so bring your cats) and have make & take items planned.


If you have not submitted your entries for the Open Show, get them in to us. They are due **April**

13. We need enough time to finalize and print all the show catalogues. Donations and Sponsorships are critical to the success of this show and the whole project year. Please do what you can! Email the project if you need more donation forms or have questions. We will still need a lot of help at the show itself so even if you are unable to attend but know of anyone willing to lend a hand, please let us know. Ensure you spread the word and invite all your friends and family to attend. There are always an amazing variety of vendors (not just pet-related) and raffle/silent auction goodies!

There will be no project meeting in May, so we will not meet again until June 24. Thank you for a great year so far, and keep up the good work!



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Sheboygan County 4-H Cat Project
Celebrates the 29th Annual
Open Household Pet Cat Show! 
A show for all people who love their household pet cats!
"The Wonderful World of Cats"



Sunday April 28, 2024

9:00am – 3:00pm

Sheboygan Lakers Ice Center

1202 South Wildwood Avenue Sheboygan WI 53081

- * **3 Rings of judging** - 2 Specialty Rings, 1 All breed
- * **Admission** - \$2 ages 6 and up **OR** Cat food donation:
3 cans or 1 bag / person (to be given to local shelter)

- * Vendors
- * Raffles
- * Silent Auction
- * Food Available
- * Decorated Cage Contest
- * Cat Costume Contest
- * Spectator's Choice Award*

Adults and children ages 8 and older are welcome to enter.
Exhibitors do NOT have to be a 4H Member.

Entry closing date is April 13, 2024 or when cage space limit has been met.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS



Registration Materials and Fees must be postmarked by **April 8, 2024**. There is a fee of \$10.00 per member per shooting discipline. NEW in 2024, there is a maximum fee of \$70.00 per family. Mail your completed Waiver and Code of Conduct form(s) and fees (checks only) to: Sue Becker, W4386 Beaver Trail Rd., Waldo, WI 53093. Make checks payable to: **SC4H Shooting Sports**. The fees, waiver and code of conduct form(s) must be submitted together. Once payment and all forms are received, each family will receive a receipt. A copy of the waiver and code of conduct can be found in the Files section of Rallyhood. ****There will be no in-person registration or fee payment.****

New Shooter Orientation sessions are scheduled for **Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16**. There are two (2) sessions each night for both archery and air rifle. New members are required to attend one session for each of the disciplines where they are first-year shooters. Please add the members name to the appropriate signup sheet(s): [Archery-New Shooter Orientation](#) and [Air Rifle-New Shooter Orientation](#). If you sign up and your schedule changes, please remove your name and add it to the other session time. These are Google Sheets so once you enter your name it automatically saves the change. Simply close the document when you are finished.

Range Set Up is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11** starting 6:00 pm at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds. We will meet at the Coliseum and Goat/Sheep Barn. More hands make light work.

Regular Shooting Schedule will be available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays beginning April 22 with the final day of shooting on May 30. A post with instructions on how to sign-up for shooting will be made in Rallyhood for those members who have submitted the required waiver(s), code of conduct form(s), paid registration fees, and attended new shooter orientation (if needed). Stay Tuned!

Volunteers and Certified Leaders are always in demand. If you are interested in being a volunteer or certified leader, please let us know. Certified leader workshop information can be found on the [WI 4-H Shooting Sports Project](#) page.

If you are not interested in becoming state certified but are willing to help out during the shooting season, there are always things to do. We could use help with Wildlife Ecology, helping youth at the sign-in tables, assisting with fair scoring, and more. If you can help, even if just for a little while, please stop by one of the sign-in tables.

We look forward to sharing shooting sports with your family. If at any time you have a question, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at sheboygan4harchery@gmail.com or ask any of the volunteers and leaders.

HORSE AND PONY PROJECTS NEWS



ALL HHG AND 1ST YEAR MEMBERS- There will be a hands on clinic held at Skye Farm N9497 Sexton Rd Elkhart Lake Thursday April 11, 2024 from 630 pm-830 pm. Topics to be covered at the clinic are Leading, Horse Safety and Overall care for the horse. Proper attire to be worn when handling horses. Any questions please reach out to Lori Schuessler or Amy Wallner with any questions.

DRILL TEAMS STARTING- Thursday April 11 will be the first walk through at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds, both English and Western Drill. Next Date for walk through will be Thursday April 25 all from 6p-8p. First Practice with horse for English will be Tuesday April 30, 2024 and for Western is May 1, 2024.

OPEN ARENA/EDUCATIONAL AREANA-Open arena's along with Educational arena's will be starting every Thursday May 2. Updated google calendar has been put on the UW Extension Website, here is the link [Horse and Pony Project – Extension Sheboygan County \(wisc.edu\)](#)

State Hunter Jumper Show- If you are interested in showing at the State Hunter and Jumper Show at the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds June 28-30, 2024, Registration forms are on the UW Extension Website [Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association – Wisconsin 4-H](#). Forms need to be by Tina Kasprzak by May 15, 2024. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Tina (Chairman for 2024) or any one of the Adult Committee members.

HORSE AND PONY 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below are the opportunities coming up in April for the 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The entire Horse and Pony Calendar can be accessed on the [4-H Horse and Pony Project Website](#). Dates & times are subject to change. 4-H Horse and Pony Calendar in Google will be up to date. Not all events are listed below.

Apr 2	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Education Team Meeting @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus
Apr 9	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Education Team Meeting @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus
Apr 11	6:30 - 8:30	HHG/1st Year Members Meeting Basics to Horse Handling @Skye Farm
Apr 11	6 - 8 pm	Walk through for Western & English Drill Teams @ Plymouth Fairgrounds
Apr 16	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Education Team Meeting @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus
Apr 19	All Day	Midwest Horse Fair @ Alliant Energy Center in Madison
Apr 20	All Day	Midwest Horse Fair @ Alliant Energy Center in Madison
Apr 21	All Day	Midwest Horse Fair @ Alliant Energy Center in Madison
Apr 22	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Committee Meeting/Adult & Youth @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus
Apr 23	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Education Team Meeting @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus
Apr 25	6-8 pm	Walk through for Western Team @ Plymouth Fairgrounds
Apr 30	6-8 pm	Walk through for English Drill Team @ Plymouth Fairgrounds
Apr 30	6-8 pm	Horse & Pony Education Team Meeting @ UW-Green Bay/Sheboygan Campus

4-H HORSE AND PONY 2024 CLINICS

Four impressive Clinic options are available this summer for our members and their friends.

- **Jumping** with Ali Kuhn Tuesday - June 11, 2024 9AM - 3 PM \$25.00
- **Speed** with Colleen Vondra Monday - July 29, 2024 9AM - 3 PM \$25.00
- **Horsemanship/Equitation** with Rebecca Solberg Wednesday - July 31, 2024 9AM - 3 PM \$25.00
- **Older AND Younger Youth Overnight** Saturday July 13th 4PM - July 14th until 3 PM \$30.00 (See Flier)

Check your calendars and register early for these opportunities using the [Clinic Registration Form](#).



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4H
HORSE AND PONY



PROJECT



Older & Younger Youth Overnight Clinic
Saturday – Sunday
July 13th, 4pm - July 14th, 3pm

HOSTED BY OUR YOUTH COMMITTEE

Join us for a great time

At the Sheboygan County Fairgrounds

Clinics, Games, Craft Projects, Horse Games and more!
Includes: Saturday night pizza, Sunday Breakfast & Lunch

Check in: July 13th between 2:00– 4:00 pm.

- All youth will be staying in the upper horse barn
- All Horses will stay in stalls in the lower barn

Pick up: SUNDAY July 14, 3:00pm

Stalls must be cleaned and all horses must be off the property by 4:00pm.

\$30 Per Person Before June 1st to guarantee a t-shirt

To register to attend please MAIL payment to:

Dani Thimmig W7443 Summit Rd Plymouth, WI 53073 or extension office

Call Dani with any questions 920-946-7144

Adult volunteers are needed to stay overnight please sign up. Volunteers are No Charge Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, Feed, water bucket and bedding for your horse.

WISCONSIN AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS – SAVE THE DATES!

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SCIENCE DAYS**
Save the Dates

**SHAWANO COUNTY
JUNE 18TH**

**GREEN COUNTY
JUNE 20TH**



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FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

4-H PROJECTS VS. FAIR ENTRIES VS. FAIR EXHIBITS

See below for some clarification on language that we often use around this time. Hope this helps provide some clarification!

4-H Projects – The topic or skill you learn about throughout the year through individual exploration, adult and peer leadership and project-based group meetings.

Fair Entry- A declaration of what you intend to show at the Sheboygan County Fair. You will “enter” these starting in June through July 15 th in the Sheboygan County Fair online entry system at shebcofair.com.

Fair Exhibit – The final work that has been entered in the fair entry system and is judged at the Sheboygan County Fair. Exhibits are judged on various days, including animals and non-animals, and are on display throughout the entire Sheboygan County Fair. **FYI: The Fair Entry system will open Mid-June – Stay Tuned!!!!**

LOOKING FOR PROJECT RESOURCES?



Remember the Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection!

The Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. Most of the materials are for learning in the Animal Science project areas, but there are others.

Visit the PYD Media Collection website to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CDs, DVDs, and more. Project materials include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts.

It's easy for youth leaders and volunteers to request materials directly. Use the online form on the website. Check out process:

- Request materials online 10 business days before the date needed.
- The State 4-H Office will mail resources to the person who made the request at the address submitted.
- Materials must be returned by mail or in-person delivery by the date on request form.
- Return postage is the responsibility of the person who makes the request. Plan for how to pay for postage before requesting materials.

There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs, including 4-H project groups. To find out more about the [PYD Media Collection, visit the website](#). Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377, with questions.



Volunteering: How Can You Help?



Credit: Ben Hoppe

Volunteers are a huge part of the success of 4-H and help make 4-H possible. 4-H volunteers can serve as club leaders, project leaders, chaperones, and other roles. While the experience level of volunteers varies, our volunteers have one thing in common: wanting to make a positive difference in the lives of young people. In addition to making a positive impact with youth, 4-H volunteers gain important life skills of their own and also impact the communities in which they volunteer.

Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

To ensure volunteers in the 4-H program are prepared and to protect the safety and best interests of 4-H members, all 4-H volunteers who are 18 years of age and older who are no longer members go through a process which includes:

1. Participate in training to help you serve in your role. This training is called Volunteers in Preparation,
2. Have a background check.
3. Agree to conduct yourself in a way that positively represents 4-H.
4. Learn how to keep our youth safe by taking a Mandated Reporter Training.



Credit: Eva Perry

To get started on your volunteer journey, contact your local 4-H educator.

Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Roles

There are many ways to volunteer in 4-H. All volunteers work with youth and adult volunteers to offer a positive youth development experience for youth. Wisconsin's 4-H program has six main roles for volunteers.

- Activity/Event Volunteers lead or organize a 4-H activity or event.
 - Adult Advisor/Chaperones work with 4-H educators to chaperone a 4-H educational experience.
 - Club Enrollment Coordinator leads and supports enrollment in a club or group.
 - Club Leader provides leadership for a club or group organization.
 - Committee Volunteers help lead or participate as a member of a committee.
 - Project Leaders provide leadership and organization to a group learning about a specific topic.
- There may be additional trainings to volunteer in some of these roles, for example a WI 4-H Shooting Sports Leader

Can I help without volunteering?

Not everyone feels ready to become a 4-H volunteer. Check in with your club leader or local 4-H educator to find out other ways you can still make an impact on the program without serving 4-H in an official capacity. This might mean providing no-contact support in a warm welcoming way such as bringing a healthy snack, set up and clean up, etc. Any help you give makes the experience more positive for everyone.





Helping Hands

The 4-H pledge talks about using your hands for larger service. Not only can you use your hands to help your club through leadership and teaching, but you can use your hands to help your community too! 4-H members are known for helping their community through service. Plan your own community service project by answering the questions below!

Who needs (or would benefit from) help?

Choose an organization (example: animal shelter or food pantry), group of people (people who are elderly), or a person who you'd like to help (a neighbor).

How can I help?

List skills (example: art or building), interests (being outside), or abilities (talking to other people) that you want to use to make a difference.

What tasks need to get done?

Match the "how" with the "who"! Write what you need to do to complete your project and the supplies you'll need to accomplish it. (Example: If you are creating cards for people in a senior living facility, you will need to contact the facility, gather writing supplies, create the cards, and deliver the cards.)

How did it go?

After you've done your community service project, reflect on how things went and how you might do things differently if you did it again. What went well? What could be better?

Almost every club does a community service project. At your next club meeting, ask a club officer or your club leader what project your club is doing this year!

THE CLOVERLEAF CRIER is published monthly for members, leaders, and friends of 4-H to inform them of coming events and activities.

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2023-2024 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board Meetings

Sheboygan County Extension Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Room 5024 starts at 7:00 p.m.

January 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

July 22, 2024

2023-2024 4-H Leaders Association Meetings

(All Leaders, Parents, and Members)

Sheboygan County Extension Office, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Room 5020 starts at 7:00 p.m.

March 18, 2024

September 16, 2024 (Fair Review Meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.)

All 4-H Leaders Association and Executive Board Mtg Materials are available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kEeVOBrFiMLJxpXI3I12EUADtwvzSQV-?usp=sharing>

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