



Extension
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February 10th: Leadership Meeting, UW-Extension

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September 15th: All Leaders Meeting, UW-Extension

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SARAH FEIDER CLUB VISITS!

Sarah is planning on coming to you! Over the next few months Sarah will be traveling to as many of the Clubs as possible. She'll do a 15 minute activity with your club or just come to see everything you're up to at an average meeting. Reach out with your preference.



LEADERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES

The Leaders Association will meet at 6:30pm at the Extension office on the following dates:

- January 9
- March 17 – All leaders meeting (Pizza Checks will be handed out!) Leader's meeting prior at 6:00
- May 8
- July 10
- September 15 – All leaders meeting
- November 13

The newly elected Executive Board Members are:

- President: Dan Sippel
- President Elect: Patty Taylor
- Treasurer: Larry Menting
- Secretary: Liz Gartman

CLOVERLEAF ARTICLE SUBMISSION

ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS, MEMBERS, and PARENTS can contribute to the articles in the Cloverleaf Crier!

Email both Emily and Sarah to submit your article and any photos to accompany it: emily.jensen@wisc.edu and sfeider@wisc.edu. The Cloverleaf Crier will be coming out approximately twice per month moving forward.

ROOM RESERVATIONS AT UW-EXTENSION - SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Users are required to sign a Room Use and Expectations Request Form to reserve rooms. Room reservations will be confirmed once the signed form is received.

How the room reservation process works:

- 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.

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.

4-H HATS FOR SALE!

We have new 4-H hats for sale at the Extension office, available in four different colors and featuring a leather stamped 4-H clover! Check or cash only. Checks payable to Leader's Association.

Cost:

\$15 per hat for Extension Staff and 4-H Leaders

\$20 per hat for 4-H members and the general public

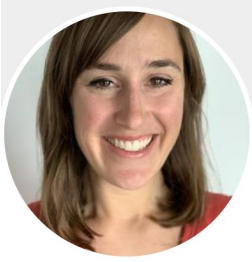


SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H SIGNS

We have two Sheboygan County 4-H Welcome Signs available for any club that may want one. They are available to pick up in the 4-H Suite at the Extension office any time Monday - Thursday from 8am-8pm, and Fridays from 8am-4:30pm.



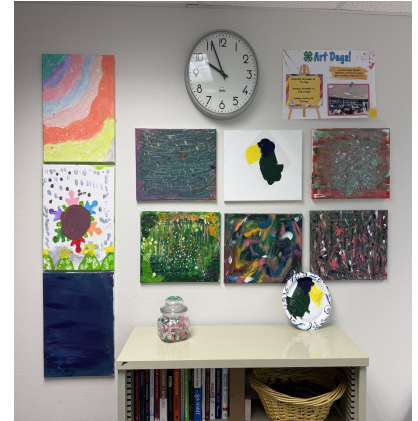
COUNTYWIDE 4-H PROGRAMS



ART DAYS WAS A HIT!!

Art Days taught participants a lot, and everyone had fun creating their own abstract pieces! Thank you for Danielle Hansmann for sharing her talent and technique with us!

The last session, January 12, was canceled. **Stay tuned for a reschedule date!**



ARE YOUR KIDS DONE WITH LEGO PIECES?

Please consider donating them to the Extension office to put to good use! There is a donation container at the Extension Office. Anytime the Campus is open, you can donate. (Only Lego brand please) Thank you!

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!!

Being new to 4-H can be a lot. Let's get together to have some Cloverbud fun and answer any questions you may have.

Tuesday, March 18 5:00-6:30 at Extension Office
Dinner will be served.

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up by March 14.



CULVER'S FUNDRAISER - OOSTBURG

Please click [HERE](#) if you are willing to volunteer to help coordinate and work a Culver's Night at the Oostburg restaurant.. Once you are signed up, we'll pick a date that works best for everyone.

LOOKING FOR A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Luige's Pizza has been sold to Pepps Pizza Co. This was one of our two biggest fundraisers for 4H. We're looking for some volunteers to join a committee to discuss our next fundraising opportunity. Please click [HERE](#) if you are interested.



4-H PROJECT DAY - MARCH 1, 2025 - 9:00am -12:00pm

Project Day plans are underway! Help us to make this fun event a success again this year! Sessions will be held in 1-hour blocks of time with about 12 members per session. **Participant registration form to come.**

Last day to sign up to volunteer to help or lead a project is Jan. 24. [Click here to teach or volunteer](#)



\$5 per project - 3 sessions available!

Current sessions include: Build a Robot, Lego, Sharpie Picture Frame Art, Dog/Cat Snuffle Mats, Jewelry Making, Painted Selfie Portrait, Seed Mosaic Art, Paper Flowers, Finger Knitting, Christmas Ornaments using Embroidery Hoops, Photography, Fairy Gardens/Succulents, Woodworking, and Tye-Dying.

Questions, please reach out to Sarah Feider at sfeider@wisc.edu or 920-459-5918.

4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – APRIL 12, 2025

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

This date has changed!



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.

It 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 fill out this form](#) to volunteer for the Fine Arts Festival Committee.



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H BASE CAMP

A huge thank you goes out to our Leader's Association for fundraising to keep camp costs down!

Campers:

Sheboygan/Manitowoc County 4-H Base Camp will be held **July 16-19, 2025** at [Upham Woods](#) in Wisconsin Dells. Yep, that's four days and three nights of pure 4-H camping fun for grades 3-7! Get out your calendars and mark those days now because 4-H Camp is an experience you don't want to miss! More information to follow. **Registration opens beginning January 1, 2025 using 4-H Online.**

Camp Counselors/Adult Staff:

All older youth 8th grade and up are encouraged and invited to apply. 7th graders may apply and will be considered based upon number of older youth participation. Interviews for this year's Camp Staff will be held on **Tuesday, February 25 from 6-8 p.m.**

[Click here for more information regarding being a camp counselor.](#)

Applications: Due February 3, 2025

[Youth Application](#)

[Youth Reference Form](#)

[Adult Application](#)



Training Dates (6:00-8:00): Extension Office

Feb 25 - Adult Volunteers Encouraged

March 13 @ **Manitowoc** (discuss carpooling)

April 16 - TBD

June 12 - @ Sheboygan

July 8 - @ Sheboygan - Adult Volunteers Encouraged

4-H TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2025 - 6-8PM

Are you a new club officer, or a club leader? Are you looking to find out what it means to lead in 4-H? What steps to take towards your leadership goals? How to improve your meetings? All of these questions will be answered at our Club Officer and Club Leader - Leadership Meeting. This event will be held on Monday, February 10, at the UW-Extension Office from 6:00-8:00pm.



If you are interested in attending please register [HERE](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

LEADERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - DUE MARCH 1, 2025

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 funds available.

Eligibility:

- Applicants majoring in any professional - technical, vocational, college or other 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. You may reapply if you didn't receive a scholarship.

Minimum Requirements:

- Five years as an achieving 4-H club member, with at least two years and current achievement in the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- Must be a current achieving 4-H member, or 4-H graduate.
- A letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader (leader should comment on member's quality of project work, community service and club leadership)

Parents, guardians and Extension Educators recommendations are not eligible and will not be forwarded to the committee for review.

Click [HERE](#) to access the scholarship application

4-H ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application is due the same day that the application for your event is due. You can mail or drop off your application to the UW-Extension – Sheboygan office at 5 University Dr, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or email it to emily.jensen@wisc.edu. Click [HERE](#) for the two-page application, thank you!



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H GRANT APPLICATION

The grant application is due the 30 days before the final payment deadline for your trip/experience. You can mail or drop off your application to the UW-Extension – Sheboygan office at 5 University Dr, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or email it to emily.jensen@wisc.edu. Click [HERE](#) for the two-page application, thank you!



STATEWIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Click [HERE](#) to view the 2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-H Programs and Educational Experiences online brochure.



2025 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE – APRIL 11-16, 2025

Bringing hundreds of 4-H'ers to the nation's capital each spring, National 4-H Conference is the flagship youth development opportunity of USDA, hosted by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). From April 11-16, 2025, the nationally recognized event is developing the next generation of leaders. Experience unparalleled discovery, learning, professional development, and networking with 4-H'ers from around the world. During the Conference, delegates will become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.

Also check out the [National 4-H page for National 4-H Conference](#).

Registration period opens Monday, February 3 and will close Friday, February 28

Questions about National Conference that you can't find the answers to on this website? Feel free to contact Justin Lieck, Educational Programs Assistant at justin.lieck@wisc.edu or 608-263-5971.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

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4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
FEB. 8, 2025

SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 15, 2025

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE
UW MADISON CAMPUS**



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ART BEAT 2025

Art Beat is for any 4-H member in grades 3-5 and will be held at **Upham woods March 15-16, 2025**. You can register through 4-H Online. Applications will be open January 20 - February 17 or until the camp fills.

WHAT IS IT? - Art Beat is a 4-H, hands on, interactive art experience in beautiful Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. Participants will learn to juggle, make visual arts, create a STEAM project, explore music, and much, much more. Art Beat is led by older 4-H youth and professional artists in a variety of disciplines from painting, theater, textiles, and music. 4-Hers will also get to experience an overnight camp adventure. The goal for Art Beat is to help young people to explore their artistic sparks.

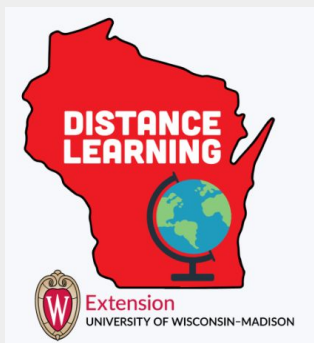
WHEN IS IT? - Art Beat begins at 9:00 Saturday morning, March 15th and will wrap up after lunch on Sunday, March 16th. This year we are also offering overnight lodging on Friday evening, for an additional cost, to help with those that may have too far to travel Saturday morning. Along with art activities, 4-Hers will also participate in traditional camp activities like campfire, spirit contest, and counselor-led fun.

COST? - Based on the success of Arts Camp pricing, we will again offer a tiered price structure. Our goal is to make Art Beat more accessible to more youth. Whether you choose the highest or lowest tier, you will get the same great 4-H programming. \$100, \$125, \$145 are the three tiers. \$125 is closest to the actual cost of the program. We are also asking volunteers who spend the night to pay \$75, which covers food and lodging to help control costs for all youth participants. Please contact your local 4-H educator about scholarship opportunities at the county or Leader's Association level. State Scholarship opportunities are also available. Some local 4-H clubs may even help with the cost.

ADULT CHAPERONES - If you are interested in volunteering to be a chaperone for Art Beat, we are currently looking for trained volunteers to join the fun. You will help to provide leadership in the cabins and rotate through each of the art tracks. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact jay.johnson2@wisc.edu or lpine@wisc.edu to confirm your interest. We are also both glad to answer any questions you may have.

MAKER SPACE - Along with learning about art, there is an opportunity for 4-H members to teach fellow 4-Hers through our Maker Space. In the Maker Space, youth leaders share a project and one of their talents and/or passions. This was one of the highlights of Arts Camp and we look forward to seeing more 4-H members in action.





WISCONSIN DISTANCE LEARNING

The Wisconsin Distance Learning Team provides access to education across Wisconsin today by sharing resources and access to content through non-traditional programming including

- Take and Learn (Project Boxes)
- Virtual Learning (Zoom Sessions)
- Webinars

Check out the upcoming sessions below!

Register via the following link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>

The Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie

What's your ultimate favorite chocolate chip cookie? Do you prefer your cookie to be soft or are you a crispy cookie person? Do you prefer thick or thin cookies? Everyone likes what they like. In this program, you get to find or create your own perfect recipe that turns out every single time you make it.

Some of the things we will cover in this curriculum are as follows:

- Softened butter vs melted butter
- Chilled dough vs baking right away
- Changing the baking temp
- Best practices for measuring flour
- Measuring vs weighing ingredients



There are so many variables or science to making the perfect chocolate chip cookie. By the time you're done going through all these lessons, you should have your perfect recipe!

Project Supplies: We are not providing supplies for this project. Here is the [supply list](#) so you can plan ahead.

Kitchen Scale: We encourage the use of a kitchen scale that shows ounces. If you have one to use or can purchase one, please do so. We understand that buying a kitchen scale might not be possible for everyone. To ensure everyone can join, we have a limited number of free scales for those who need them. If you need a free digital kitchen scale sent to you, please let us know in the registration form.

Connection: This is a self-guided course with connection activities that use Padlet. As we get closer to the start date for this program, we will send registered participants a link.

Please plan to participate in the **virtual session on February 27 at 6:00m, on Zoom** covering the best way to measure ingredients and why oven temperatures matter. Watch your email for a Zoom link and reminders. The session will be recorded and shared with participants for up to 30 days following the session.

Questions?

Contact Carlea Liermann, carlea.liermann@wisc.edu (program content) or Heather Vierling, heather.vierling@wisc.edu (program logistics)

Registration closes January 13 at 4:30pm

Audience: Youth in grades 3-12

When: February 27, 2025

6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting - Link will be sent

WISCONSIN DISTANCE LEARNING Continued

Dinosaurs and Unicorns



Get ready to explore the exciting world of Dinosaurs and Unicorns!

- Sound
- Color
- Paleontology (the study of dinosaurs)
- Importance of creativity
- We hope you'll explore with us!

Project Supplies: We are providing the hard-to-get supplies for this project. Here is the supply list so you can plan ahead. Watch for an email to pick up your program kit from your local Extension office between February 3-14, 2025.

Connection: Participants can attend any or all sessions. Zoom links will be emailed to you at the address you list in the registration form. Sessions will be recorded and shared with participants for up to 30 days following the session.

Questions? Contact Joanna Skluzacek, joanna.skluzacek@wisc.edu (program content) or Heather Vierling, heather.vierling@wisc.edu (program logistics)

Registration closes January 13 at 4:30pm

Audience: Youth in grades K-2

When: March 3, 2025 (6:30 - 7:00pm), Zoom - Sounds

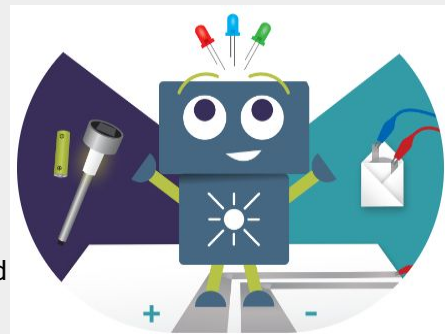
March 17, 2025 (6:30 - 7:00pm), Zoom - Show & Tell

Paper Circuits

Are you ready to accept the challenge of creating a low-voltage electronic circuit?

We're going to use copper tape, a battery, LEDs, and paper to learn about electrical circuits! Get ready to learn and have fun through this hands-on introduction to electric circuits.

This program will allow participants to explore and be challenged to problem-solve and think creatively and critically.



Project Supplies: We are providing the hard-to-get supplies for this project. Here is the supply list so you can plan ahead. Watch for an email to pick up your program kit from your local Extension office between February 17-28, 2025.

Connection: This project is entirely self-paced from March 1 - April 4, 2025. Participants will connect about their successes, questions, and challenged on Padlet. Watch your email for a link.

Work With a Buddy: We encourage all youth participants to identify a buddy to work on this project with. Think about a caring adult, a friend, a neighbor, or others who might want to explore circuits and have fun together.

Questions? Contact Joanna Skluzacek, joanna.skluzacek@wisc.edu (program content) or Heather Vierling, heather.vierling@wisc.edu (program logistics)

Registration closes January 24 at 4:30pm

Audience: Youth in grades K-2

When: March 1 - April 4, 2025

PROJECT NEWS

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE ORIENTATION MEETING DATES

2025 Meat Animal Sale Orientation Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 23rd.

Start Time: 7pm

Location: UW Extension, Rooms 5020/5022

2025 New Member Orientation Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 30th

State Time: 7pm

Location: Baymont Inn; 678 Walton Drive, Plymouth



DOG PROJECT NEWS



Planning for the new year of the dog project is underway! Looking into the future, the training timeline will start with a mandatory information meeting held in March. The dog training season will start in late spring and go through early August.

Dog project members can be enrolled in a club or be a SPIN member. Any questions about the project or participation in dog training can be directed to the email listed below.

January Education Meeting: An educational meeting will be held on January 16th at 6 p.m. at the UW extension office. The speaker will be Brian Lewandoske, owner of Dowsky's Raw Dawg Pet Foods, and he will be talking about his experiences in pet nutrition. Attending this meeting will also count as one training attendance for those who will be training a dog with the project in 2025.

Club meeting demos: The youth dog board members would like to offer dog project demonstrations to interested 4-H clubs. A youth member will bring a dog and show a short presentation on training they've learned and will be able to answer questions about the project. This is a great way to see what goes on in the dog project and see if it would be a good fit for club members to join.

This month's board meeting will be January 20th at 7:30pm at the UW extension office.

For any questions, or to inquire about a dog demonstration for your club, please email Emily Holentunder, project chairman at eholentunder@gmail.com

For meeting reminders and extra project information, join our facebook group "Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/90761257044>

CAT PROJECT "MEWS"

Upcoming Project Meeting

Date/Time: January 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: UW-Sheboygan Extension Office, Room 5020/5022



With the annual enrollment period still open, we are sending this email to the previous year enrolled families.

- If you know of new families to the project, please forward this message to them.
- If you do not plan to participate in the Cat Project in 2024-25, please let us know.

HORSE & PONY PROJECT NEWS

Hope you are all excited for the upcoming year in the Horse & Pony Project! The committee and volunteers have been working really hard on amazing opportunities for you and your horse. We are excited to share that information at our upcoming mandatory meetings.

Two Options of Meeting Dates:
Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

Location:
UW Sheboygan Campus - Phoenix Room



You are welcome to arrive at 5:30 PM to get a head start on forms, pay your dues, check out the clothing offerings, get your Spaghetti Dinner tickets and so much more! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please call or email me if you have any questions on the above meetings, I am happy to answer any questions or concerns.
920-946-7144
mdthimmig@gmail.com

POULTRY PROJECT NEWS

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 16 - 6:30pm at UW-Extension
March 20 - 6:30pm at UW-Extension
June 19 - 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds



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