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The Cloverleaf Crier

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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
- 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

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

Here's a fun way to battle those winter blues! Learn to Square Dance! Grab a car full of friends and show join us at Salem UCC at 217 Salem Dr in Plymouth (use the East lot) for a free Intro to Square Dancing class from 6-7PM on Saturday January 11th. Questions?? Call 920 395 3790.



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!



Your artwork could be displayed in the 4-H Suite at the Extension office!

ART PROJECT OPPORTUNITY!

New this year! Art's Day hosted by local artist, Danielle Hansmann. Danielle will come in for 3 total sessions for students in grades 3 and up. **There is one session left!**. Check out Danielle's art [here](#).

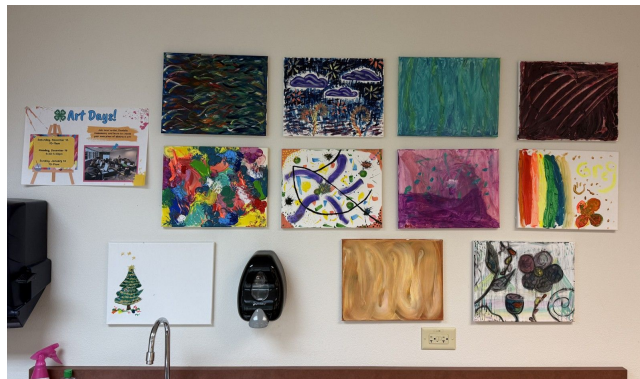
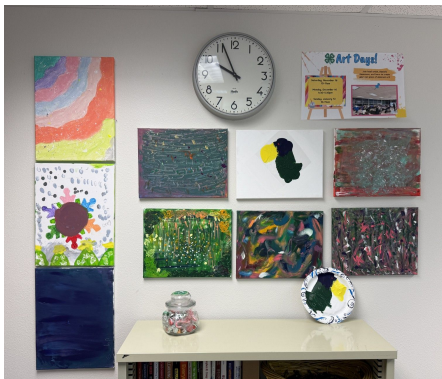
Date:

Sunday, January 12 10-11:00 AM

Cost: \$8.00 - all materials included for one piece of artwork

[Click here to register.](#)

Location: Makerspace - UW Green Bay Campus, Sheboygan



4-H PROJECT DAY - MARCH 1, 2025

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.

Do you have a craft or project you'd like to share and teach to youth? Looking for older youth and adults to teach a session at Project Day!

There are many behind the scenes ways you can volunteer to help make the day a success as well!

[Click here to register to teach or help out on Project Day](#)

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



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4-H FINE ARTS FESTIVAL – APRIL 12, 2025

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.

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

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](#).** Early bird registration cost is \$200 if you sign up by May 1st. Cost is \$225 May 2nd-June 1st.

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](#)



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

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

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

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](#).

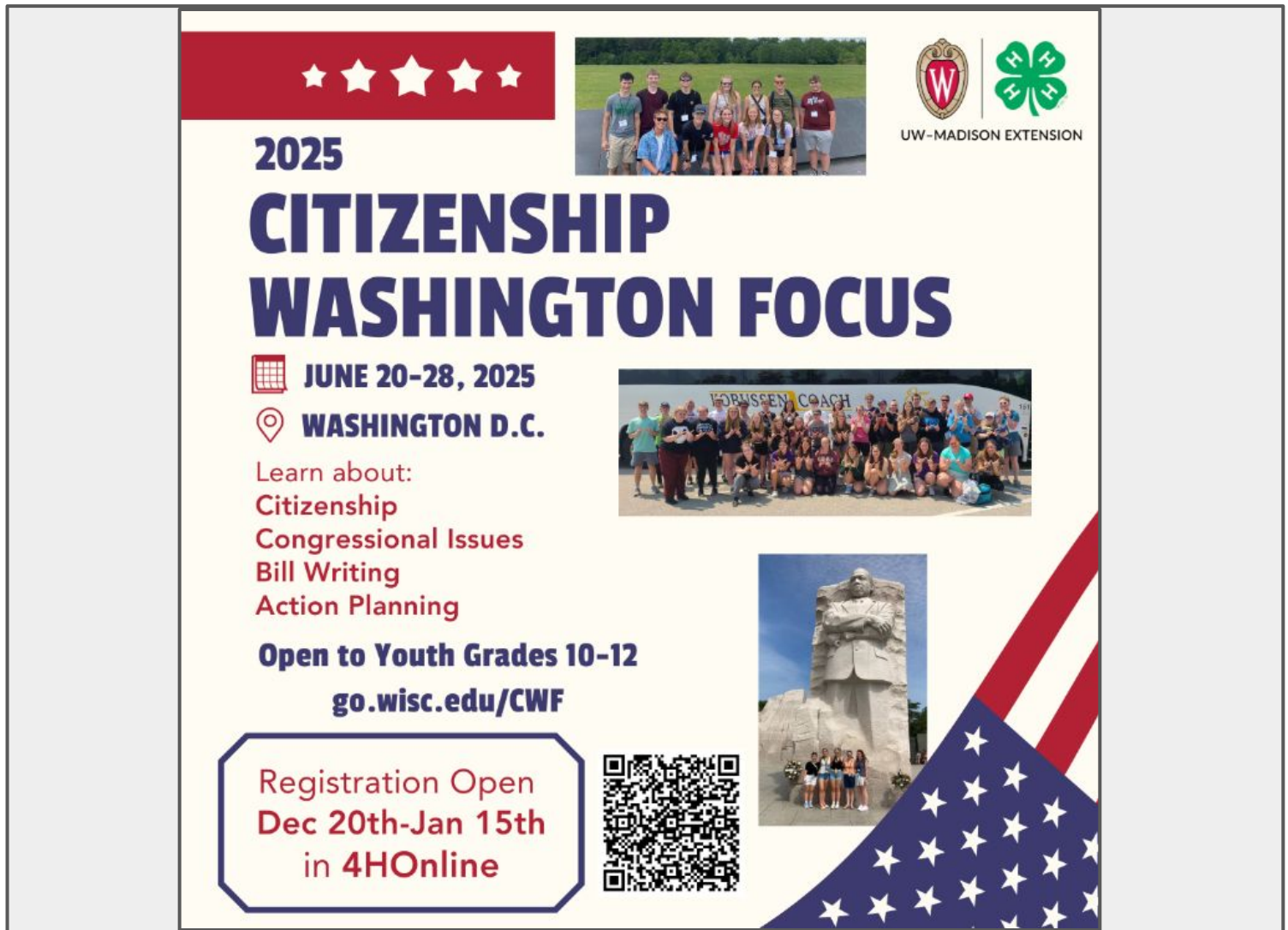
Registration period opens Monday, February 3 and will close Friday, February 28

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.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF) - JUNE 20-28, 2025



Registration for 2025 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is opened on December 20th in 4-H Online! This educational experience is an excellent opportunity for youth in grades 10-12 to explore Washington D.C., learn about US history, engage in citizenship, and more! Youth will have the opportunity to explore their sparks while making new friends and engaging in meaningful learning in DC. Check out our website for more information and register soon! go.wisc.edu/CWF

If you have any questions about CWF, please reach out to justin.lieck@wisc.edu.



The poster for the 2025 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) event features a red banner at the top with five white stars. Below the banner, the text "2025 CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS" is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue letters. To the right of the title, there is a photo of a group of youth and a logo for UW-Madison Extension. Below the title, a calendar icon indicates the dates "JUNE 20-28, 2025", and a location pin icon indicates "WASHINGTON D.C.". A list of topics to learn about includes "Citizenship", "Congressional Issues", "Bill Writing", and "Action Planning". The text "Open to Youth Grades 10-12" and the website "go.wisc.edu/CWF" are also present. A registration box states "Registration Open Dec 20th-Jan 15th in 4HOnline". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The bottom right of the poster features a large American flag graphic and a photo of a group of youth standing in front of a large statue.


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WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST CANCELED

The WI 4-H Foundation Photography Contest has been cancelled.

We are realigning Foundation resources to work more closely with the State 4-H Arts Program. We are excited to share that the [#WI4H](https://www.wisconsin4h.org/) Program will be re-launching a statewide photography contest for members this spring. More information, including entry deadline, will be available at the end of February. Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

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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WISCONSIN 4-H STATE ARTS TEAMS REBRAND AS ARTS AMBASSADORS

The 4-H State Arts Teams (Drama Company, Arts Team, and COMM Team) are returning for 2025, expanding, and rebranding! The Arts Ambassadors program will be an excellent way for older 4-H youth to show off their Expressive Arts skills at the state level. We are excited to announce this upcoming rebrand, the return of the COMM Team, and more! Read on to learn about the Arts Ambassadors! Learn more by following the link below:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/11/06/wisconsin-4-h-state-arts-teams-rebrands-as-arts-ambassadors/>

Questions? Contact Jay Johnson with questions at johnson274@wisc.edu.



SPACE CAMP - MAY 1-5, 2025
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER - HUNTSVILLE, AL

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp participants experience the [Pathfinder Program](#). The Pathfinder Program is a 3 day experience where youth participate in a variety of simulated space activities, such as:

- A Simulated Space Mission (including roles at mission control, on the ISS, in a space shuttle, and on the surface of the moon) with a team of other 4-Hers.
- A variety of Space Simulators such as the multi-axis trainer, five degrees of freedom chair, and the space shot.
- Building and launching their own model rocket.
- On-site meals and sleeping habitats simulating a real space training experience.
- Learning all about space exploration and astronaut life in museum tours guided by a Space Camp expert.
- A team quiz bowl where participants test their knowledge against others at the end of camp.

Those are just a few of the activities that youth will experience while at Space Camp. Every activity has an educational purpose with the goal of teaching kids all about space, STEM, and teamwork. All of these activities are done in a team with other 4-H youth and adults from across the state of Wisconsin. Speaking of 4-H, you might be wondering, why does Wisconsin 4-H go to Space Camp every year, when it's something that anyone can do by going there themselves? Well, Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is more than just Space Camp!

The Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp Experience

Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space. They are led by a team of trained Adult Advisors. As a 4-H program, our goals for youth who go through Space Camp are:

- To have the opportunity to learn in an exciting environment away from school.
- To develop social skills by meeting new people and working as a team.
- To have the opportunity to learn life skills in a situation that is unfamiliar to them.
- To have the opportunity to develop leadership skills..

Please visit the website for more information:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>

Questions about Space Camp 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.





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!

Audience: Youth in grades 3-12

When: February-March, 2025

Dinosaurs and Unicorns

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

This at-home lesson series encourages creativity and imagination while introducing science and building life skills. We will divide up our journey into four lessons:



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

Audience: Youth in grades K-2

When: February-March, 2025

WISCONSIN DISTANCE LEARNING Continued

Paper Circuits

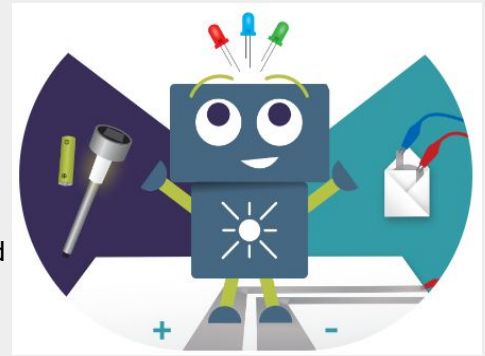
Are you ready to accept the challenge of creating a low-voltage electronic circuit?

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.

Audience: Youth in grades K-2

When: February-March, 2025



Animal Science Careers - Postponed

I love animals, what else can I do as a career besides being a vet technician or a farmer?

Here is an opportunity to explore all of the possible careers within the animal science industry. Learn from industry leaders and UW-Madison faculty what options are available and what education / job skills to need for this type of career choice.

EVENT POSTPONED TO NEXT YEAR



HOW DO I REGISTER?

All youth and families are welcome to participate in Distance offerings. Events utilize a simple sign-up form::

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/> OR the 4-H Online system for event registration, but do not require membership in 4-H. Registration can be completed by following the information provided. To sign up via 4-H online, sign in to 4-H Online (wi.4honline.com), locate the event, and register.

Please select from the following for help registering for a Distance Learning Event:

[I have a 4-H Online account, but need help enrolling in an event](#)

[I do not have an account AND need help enrolling in an event](#)

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"

As another year comes to a close we can get swept up in the spirit of the holiday season. All the lights, ornaments, and other decorations are twinkly and blinky to us and our cats. Take a moment to review the Holiday Hazards information found in the Project folder > Educational Resources by clicking [here](#). Let's keep everyone safe and healthy this season.

Spending time with family and friends is exciting with the prospect of gifts and merriment. It is important we all take a few moments to relax and recharge with a furry friend on our lap. We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

Best wishes,
Michele, Alice, Sarah, and Maddy

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

SAVE THE DATE Mandatory Meetings will be Thursday, January 23rd and Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 PM at the UW Sheboygan Campus. More info to come!

Subcommittees are assembling if anyone wants to share their time and talents in any of the below categories please reach out via email to schp4h@gmail.com!

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| * Show | * Grounds |
| * Fundraising | * State Expo/Gymkhana/Hunter |
| * Awards/Scholarship | * Educational Arena/Clinics/Clinicians |

Our **next committee meeting is January 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM** at the UWEX office, Room 5024, if you'd like to bring any ideas or share thoughts, you are always welcome!

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