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**Marinette County
 4-H Newsletter
 April, 2026**

Hello Marinette County 4-H Families!

It is time to start thinking of Spring! This season brings so many changes as the wildlife and plants wake up and begin to grow, multiply and blossom. It is a welcome sight after a long winter! I know many of our animal families have started to have babies being born over the Winter or are expecting this Spring. With the weather starting to turn, a lot of our projects will start to take off as well. Please review the newsletter for important dates and opportunities coming up in the next few months. April is volunteer appreciation month. I would like to send a huge thank you to all of our adult and youth volunteers that give their time, talent, and energy to help our Marinette County 4-H program thrive. Please reach out to the volunteers closest to you to express your gratitude for the difference they make in your life!

Your Marinette County 4-H Team,
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APRIL 19-25, 2026

LOOK INSIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.



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GET READY TO GO WILD AT SUMMER CAMP!

Our amazing camp counselors have been hard at work behind the scenes—planning activities, building their leadership skills, and getting everything ready for an unforgettable jungle-themed adventure. June 23-26th is going to be full of excitement, exploration, and memories that last a lifetime. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Un32aGe6uyFWGSVa6>



REGISTRATION OPEN

4-H Camp MAROCOSHA

Welcome to the Jungle!

JUNE 22 - 26, 2026

CAMP BIRD, CRIVITZ, WI
Open to youth in grades 3 - 7

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MarOcoSha4H2026>

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4-H RAFFLE

Barb Kolosowski is asking that clubs let her know what they will be donating for prizes. Please let her know by June 1. Either e-mail her at barbmiracllel@yahoo.com or call 715-927-5213. Raffle tickets will be ready for clubs to sell soon.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week!

It's time to celebrate our volunteers and all that they do. Volunteering is a big part of 4-H. We rely on a network of volunteers to provide caring and supportive mentoring to our 4-H'ers helping them learn life skills and grow into true leaders. THANK YOU for your service! We could not have 4-H without our volunteers!



DEADLINE NEARS TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

Remember, May 1st is the deadline to add or drop projects to show at this year's county fair. It is also the deadline to sign up for 4-H in order to show at the county fair.

PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN THIS MONTH

From April 17 through May 3, stop by the Tractor Supply store and purchase a Paper Clover to support local 4-H youth. Every donation helps open doors to learning, leadership and life-changing opportunities for young people in our community.



Wildlife & Woods

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 28, 2026
FEB. 25, 2026
MAR. 25, 2026
APRIL 29, 2026
MAY 20, 2026

Register via 4HOnline
wi.4honline.com



Wildlife & Woods

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-13
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 26, 2026
FEB. 23, 2026
MAR. 23, 2026
APRIL 27, 2026
MAY 18, 2026

Register via 4HOnline
wi.4honline.com



Wildlife & Woods Explorations are suggested for grades K-5 through elementary school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include wildlife, forestry, wildlife art and more. Register here: <https://26wildlifeexplorations.4honline.com/> **Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competitions Series** are suggested for middle school through high school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include guest speakers talking about careers, information about wildlife and forestry competitions and resources available to learn more. Register here: <https://26wildlifecareers.4honline.com/>



THE WI 4 H APPAREL STORE IS OPEN!

Show your 4 H pride and support a great cause! Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Wisconsin Association of Extension 4 H Youth Development Professionals (WAE4 HYDP).

Store is open now through April 15. Youth & adult sizes available. Ship to your home or save on shipping by selecting county Extension office pickup (available at the end of May).

https://madebymetshirts.org/wisconsin_4-h/shop/home

BEYOND WISCONSIN: EXPLORING THE MIDWEST—FEBRUARY 2027

A 4-H travel experience designed for middle school students in grades 6-8 is being planned for President’s Day weekend next year. Youth will journey from Wisconsin to St. Louis, Missouri by coach bus for an adventure that blends fun, learning and cultural discovery. Along the way, members will explore science museums, art centers, and enjoy live music and performances, all while sampling local flavors like St. Louis-style barbecue.



Youth will travel with Wisconsin 4-H educator staff and enrolled adult volunteers who have completed screening and training in how to keep young people safe in overnight programs.

More information will be forthcoming.



STEAM GAZE

STEAM GAZE is a full-day, hands-on learning experience for curious and creative youth in grades 3–5, where art and science come together through interactive workshops led by educators and mentors.

Participants will explore a variety of STEAM topics, including chemistry, environmental science, theater, music, and visual arts, while engaging in activities designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Youth will be supported throughout the day by professional staff and older 4-H youth leaders. STEAM GAZE is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H youth.

DATE: April 25, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m, Marathon County Extension Office, Wausau, WI.

COST: \$10 per youth participant. Low-cost registration helps ensure this opportunity is accessible to all families.

Youth must attend with an adult (parent, club leader, teacher, Extension staff, etc.). There is no cost for adult attendees.

REGISTRATION INFO: A link for registration is posted [here](#).





SUMMER ACADEMY

UW-Madison: June 14-18. This Positive Youth Development program helps youth explore career and hobby pathways in various fields like agriculture, STEM, leadership, arts, and more. You'll also have the chance to build friendships and networks with people from across Wisconsin. For youth in grades 8-11.

A variety of track-based activities, seminars, campus tours, performances, and hands-on experiences. Summer Academy will be held at the UW-Madison Campus, where youth and adult chaperones will stay at Dejepe Residence hall. Youth will be participating in a wide variety of track-based activities and seminars. They will be able to visit different locations on Campus and in Madison. They will also have the opportunity to hear from speakers, watch a performance from the 4-H Drama Company, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!

Registration Information: March 6 – April 26, 2026 through 4HOnline. Fee: \$150 per youth covers lodging, meals, transportation, activities, and more.

State Scholarships available to reduce costs (included in 4HOnline registration). For more information, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

NEVER TO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT 4-H ROYALTY



Royalty is open to all females and males starting 9th grade September 2026 and it's never too early to think about it.

To reflect the changes to the Fair judging schedule, the Royalty Committee has made a few changes as well, such as to when applications will be due, when Coronation will be held and when duties will start.

The first change is the deadline for applications to the committee will be July 1st, 2026.

Interviews will still be held during the month of July.

The second change will be a dinner on the first weekend of August with candidates, family members, judges, committee members and 4-H staff. During the dinner the new royalty will be crowned.

The third change will be duties starting the weekend before the fair. The Saturday of vet science judging.

The committee is still planning to have a meeting in early June for anyone interested or has questions.

Keep watching your newsletter for dates. For more information, please contact Dorothy Kaminski, Chair of the Royalty Committee, at 920-897-2316.

WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Ten scholarships are being offered. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest.

Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis: All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2026 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2026. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Judging will be completed by August 10, 2026. Recipients will be announced by August 24, 2026. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship. View complete details [here](#). Submit your essay along with this [background information sheet](#) to kelly.richards@wisctowns.com by May 22, 2026.

2026 Scholarship Topic: "What strategies can be implemented by local government officials in collaboration with citizens to encourage and maintain civility?"

"4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS"

ANIMAL SCIENCE

BADGER DAIRY CAMP

Have you heard? Badger Dairy Camp is moo-ving back to the UW-Madison campus July 9-12! Interested in learning more about the dairy industry? Want to prepare for your college or career of interest? Excited to meet new friends? This would be a great opportunity for dairy project members! More information about the event is available at: <https://andysci.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-camp/> Applications open April 1st.



BADGER DAIRY CAMP

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences
Dairy Innovation Hub

WELCOME TO DAIRY INNOVATION



AGES 12 - 17
\$175
PER CAMPER

9 - 12
JULY
2026



Camper stay and dine at the UW-Madison Campus



Hands-on workshops, tours, networking with students/alumni, and recreational activities

Applications open April 1st

Limit 100 campers
First come, first serve



DAIRY INNOVATION HUB

Join our mailing list

<https://andysci.wisc.edu/badger-dairy-camp/>
badgerdairycamp@ansci.wisc.edu

COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN DATES

Sheep/goat weigh-ins will be May 16, 8-10 am, at the Fairgrounds. (Must be on the Fairgrounds by 10 am.) Swine pictures are also due at 10 am on May 16. Pictures can be sent to marinettefair@yahoo.com

Next meeting is April 6, 2026 at 7 pm, at the Grover Town Hall.

WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

Save the Date

**GRANT COUNTY
JUNE 19TH**

**CLARK COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**



CHECK INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



COUNTY RABBIT PROJECT MEETING

There will be a county rabbit project meeting on Sat., May 2, at the Wagner Town Hall, from 1-3 pm. This is for anyone currently enrolled in the rabbit project or interested in rabbits. We will be talking about supplies needed for making cages and members will have a chance to work with j-clips and hog rings, to see what works best for them. We will also practice showmanship and discuss other rabbit topics. If you have any questions, contact Ember Rickaby, Rabbit Key Leader, at 715-732-6986.



WI 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION

HORSE EDUCATION DAYS MAY 2 - 3, 2026

EXCITING CHANGES!

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Horse Bowl
- ✓ Hippology
- ✓ Speaking and Demonstration
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Model Horse
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Team Problems
- ✓ Creative Communication

QUESTIONS?

☎ (920) 757-5167, Sharon, Education Chairperson

📄 See the WI 4-H Horse Association Handbook link in the post



More information can be found in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook (look under Chapter 5, Statewide Events, Education Days):

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../wisconsin-4-h-horse.../>
Location will be the STEM Innovation Center - UW Green Bay Campus, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311. Registration will be completed through 4-H online.