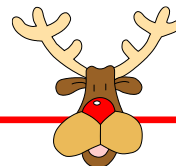




**Marinette County
4-H Newsletter
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Seasons Greetings 4-H Families!

As winter really starts to settle in, it's the perfect time to embrace opportunities, set new goals, and explore exciting activities within the local 4-H Program and beyond. Whether you're looking for fun winter projects, skill-building workshops, or leadership opportunities, there's something for everyone in 4-H. The cold weather doesn't mean slowing down – it's the perfect season to discover something fun, make new friends, and develop lifelong skills!

We encourage all youth, and their families, to stay engaged and explore the many ways 4-H can make this winter season meaningful. From hands-on activities that spark creativity to programs that promote growth in science, agriculture, and community service, there are endless possibilities to get involved. So, grab your mittens and scarves, and get ready to dive into the many exciting opportunities 4-H has to offer this winter! Let's make the most of this season together!

Your 4-H Staff Team,
Aimee, 4-H Educator, and Nancy, 4-H Program Support Staff



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REMEMBER: YOU HAVE TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE EVERY YEAR!

ATTENTION: ADULT VOLUNTEERS

There are volunteers that are in need of completing training and/or background screening. If you re-enrolled but did not receive a confirmation email from UW-Madison with your role descriptions, you are not yet fully approved and need to reach out to us as soon as possible. The 4-H office will let you know what is needed and where to find the training(s). Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514.

NEW COMMITTEES BEING FORMED—NEED YOUR HELP!!

The 4-H Leaders Association is forming two additional committees: One will be looking at revisiting scholarship requirements and the other, reviewing record book sheets. If interested in helping on either of these committees, please contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 or e-mail nancy.servais@wisc.edu



ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS - SEEKING TO FILL OFFICER POSITIONS

Board elections will be held during Achievement Day/Leader Recognition. Association meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month (rotating locations) with the exception of Aug. & Dec. (no meeting). In addition to descriptions below, board member responsibilities include planning the annual 4-H calendar & annual budget & working with Extension Program Educator to determine 4-H policies and goals, determine training needs, make decisions about the county 4-H program and carry out other business of the Association. This is a great way to get involved!

Vice President: Presides in the absence of the President and takes care of all the President's duties during the absence.

Secretary: (2 year term) Keeps minutes of all meetings of the Leaders Association & turns them into the 4-H office for the newsletter. Brings copy of minutes to each meeting. Works with the Extension Office in getting out correspondence/communications when necessary.

Treasurer: Collects and cares for all money of the Leaders Association, including camp account. Shall pay bills of the Leaders Association as approved by the board of directors. Assists with budget planning.

ANNUAL 2024 4-H MEMBER & LEADER ACHIEVEMENT DAY—PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND

You are invited to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and leaders! There is lots to celebrate in Marinette County!

Who: **All** 4-H members, parents & families, volunteers and leaders

When: **January 12, 2025 at 1 pm. Grover Town Hall.**
Each club is asked to bring a dessert/sweet. This year will be snacks only. Your hosts, Kountry Kids 4-H Club and Badger Buds 4-H Club, will provide drinks and items such as cheese, sausage and crackers.

The following members will be recognized during our annual achievement event: All youth who submitted a record book or easy completion form, Cloverbuds who submitted books, James Crowley Dairy Leadership award winner, National 4-H week window display winners, 4-H graduates, Golden Clover award winners, Outstanding Youth Leader award winner; and more. Also, leaders and youth who served on county-wide committees, members of the 4-H Leaders Association Board, members or leaders that coordinated a special 4-H event or project, volunteer of the year award winner. All 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 40th & 55th year leaders will be recognized.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE SUMMER ACADEMY YOUNG ADULT POSITIONS!

Summer academy is a program for middle-high school aged youth that will run June 16-19, on the UW-Madison Campus. Young adult leaders will serve as role models for all Summer Academy delegates while also helping to ensure that the experience runs smoothly. Follow this link to apply:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_9WA7cYjM8SZRVRA



YOUNG ADULT LEADER POSITION
For Summer Academy 2025

Applicants Must be:

- Between the ages of 19 and 25
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- A role model and support system for youth attendees

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2025

Young Adult Leaders also must be able to attend trainings and an on-site orientation

REMINDER THAT THE APPLICATIONS FOR 4-H ARTS AMBASSADORS ARE OPEN!

Do not miss the opportunity to channel your creative side while gaining valuable leadership and teamwork skills. Learn more about the Arts Ambassadors and apply here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../state-arts-teams/...>



4-H ARTS AMBASSADORS

WHO Any 4-H members in grades 9-13

WHY To develop your leadership and artistic abilities

WHAT A group of arts leaders, who explore sparks, make art, and develop skills

HOW Apply to be an Arts Ambassador by Dec. 20th
<https://25artsambassadors.4honline.com>

NOTE! All Drama Company, Art Team, and Comm team members **WILL** be part of Arts Ambassadors
The same great teams, with more opportunities.

Learn more about WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors here: 

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE THRIVE SURVEY

It is open through Dec. 13th



4-H THRIVING MODEL SURVEY IS NOW OPEN

Parents of youth ages 13 - 19, watch your email for directions and survey.

HELPING YOUTH THRIVE

Want to win a \$25 gift card? Complete the survey to be entered!

STATE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IS BACK!

It offers the opportunity for youth leaders to develop skills in mixed-media support WI 4-H Communications and Marketing throughout the year. The Comms team is a part of the WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors along with Drama Company and Arts Team.



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IS BACK!

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 9-13

GAIN SKILLS IN PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY, WRITING, AND DESIGN

Apply today and become part of the WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors!



SAVE THE DATE FOR TWO UPCOMING STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

The 4-H Meats Judging Contest will be on February 8, 2025 and the Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Competition on March 15, 2025. Watch for registration details

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL!

More information on registration coming soon!

WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL

📅 January 25, 2025
📍 University of Wisconsin- Green Bay
STEM Innovations Center
🕒 Contest to Start at 11:30 am

WISCONSIN 4-H IS LOOKING FOR ADULT ADVISORS

Adult advisors are needed for programs like Space Camp, Summer Academy, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and more. Adult advisors will serve as support for all youth participants and work as a team to ensure that the an experience runs smoothly. Learn more about the positions available and find the application here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewi.../adult-advisors/>

ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED!

Applications are open to become an adult advisor with Wisconsin 4-H!

Adult advisors have the opportunity to travel across the state and country as they serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on different programs.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old at the time of the program.

REGISTRATION UPDATE FOR CWF

This is a quick heads up that the registration window for CWF has been changed to December 20, 2024- January 15, 2025. Visit:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/>



CALLING ALL 4-H CAMP STAFF!



Apply Beginning Dec 1:
<https://tinyurl.com/4HMarOcoShaStaff>

We are seeking youth currently in grades 8 - 13 to serve as camp counselors and waterfront staff at 4-H camps this summer. We are intending to host 3 one-day camps and one week-long residential camp (4 days, 3 nights for campers). Youth will not need to lead at every camp offered. If you have any interest in being a part of camp staff, please apply!

The Camp Staff application will be open from December 1st - January 13th. Initial training dates are:

- Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 - 8:30 pm Virtual
- Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 1 pm In person





WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION KICKS OFF PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Photography Contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding cash prizes. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 31, 2025.

The contest is broken into three categories:

1. General Photography
2. 4-H Experience Photography
3. Clovers on Film

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$50 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$100 cash award. Other photographs may be recognized but will not receive a cash award. To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2024-2025 4-H Program Year.

Entry Information

- Entries will be accepted from Friday, November 1, 2024, until midnight on Friday, January 31, 2025.
- A photo of the entry and the completed entry form must be submitted through the contest website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>
- Each photographer may submit up to one entry in each of the three categories but may submit only one entry in each category.

For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit, please visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

The winning photos from each category and the Best of Show will become the property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. In addition, any entry may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote the 4-H program and/or to raise funds for the Wisconsin 4-H program. Proceeds from any Celebrate the Arts event or sales will be split evenly with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts Programming and half used for arts programming in the next 4-H program year.



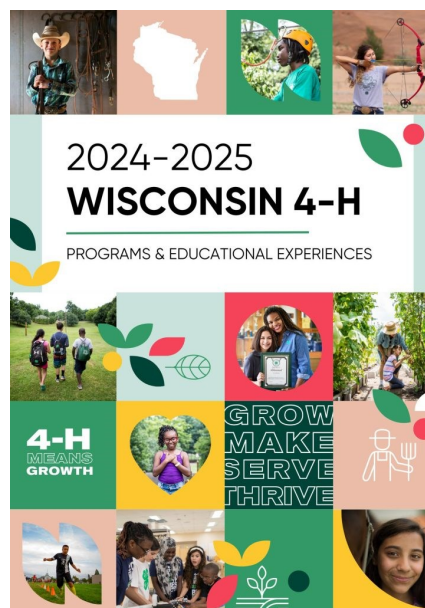
WI 4-H PROGRAM BOOKLET 2024-25—NOW AVAILABLE!

This year's booklet is full of exciting opportunities for 4-H families, members, and volunteers at the state level. These state programs offer valuable educational experiences that help youth develop lifelong skills and form lasting friendships. Whether your 4-H member is ready to create something amazing at Arts Camp in Upham Woods, embark on a thrilling adventure at Space Camp in Huntsville, or showcase their talents in a State Judging Competition, we're confident there's a spark waiting for every 4-H member in this year's offerings.

If you are a volunteer interested in applying to serve as an adult advisor for one of our state or national educational experiences, you can read about the application process and [apply right now through our website!](#)

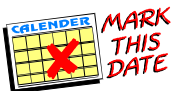
Check it out below!

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



MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Camp is confirmed for June 23-27 and we are getting some camp counselor dates on the calendar already as well. More information to follow.



SPACE CAMP

May 1-5, 2025. 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. Any youth in grades 6-8 may register to go to Space Camp. Register through 4HOnline for Space Camp. Registration will be open from November 15-December 15 prior to program year.

Delegates will be notified by the State 4-H Office by January 12 of the program year whether they are attending or wait-listed. After registration closes, delegates will be sent a link to register for Space Camp through the Space Camp website. All delegates must register online for Space Camp prior to March 1st.

TRACTOR SUPPLY (TSC) PAPER CLOVER PROMOTION UPDATE

Remember, the Paper Clover Campaign has been moved to: November 29 – December 15, 2024. See last month's newsletter for more details.

4-H TRIPS

Teens interested in attending trips should fill out the Marinette County Sponsored Event Application. First round was due Oct. 1. All information regarding age requirements and trips was included in the leaders packet at the Fair. Following that, applications are due Feb. 1. If your leader does not have extra copies, contact the 4-H office.



MINUTES

Marinette County Leader's Association November 18, 2024 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Grover Town Hall by President Jennie Pillath. In attendance were: Jennie Pillath, Lisa Witak, Anne Biernasz, Julia Lepinski, Suz Deschane, Dorothy Kaminski, and Aimee Elkins.

Motion to approve the secretary's report by Anne Biernasz, second by Suz Deschane. Carried

Motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay bills by Lisa Witak, second by Suz Deschane. Carried

Aimee's report: Remind all members/leaders to re-enroll for the current year. All club charters have been completed. American Spirit Experience registration is open for both weeks of travel, Winter Camp Registration is open for grades 7 & up, State Art Ambassador team applications are open, National Conference and Space Camp registrations are open. Thriving model survey was emailed to youth age 13 and up, please ask them to complete the survey. Camp Counselor applications will be available in December.

Achievement day will be January 12, 2025 at 1pm at Grover Town Hall. Each club is asked to bring a dessert/sweet. This year will be snacks only. Kountry Kids and Badger Buds will provide drinks and items such as cheese/sausage/crackers.

Motion to hold the raffle for 2025 and to order more tickets than in the past to have enough for all members/leaders by Lisa Witak, second by Suz Deschane. Carried

Aimee is working with the Blizzard team on a "4-H day" to be held in June.

Motion by Lisa Witak, second by Suz Deschane to pay Barb Kolosowski and Wally Hitt each \$100 for cleaning of the food stand. Carried

Discussion was held regarding email vs hard copy newsletters.

The park in Wausaukee (next to Sal's) will be decorated 12/1/24 at 1pm if anyone is interested in helping.

Next meeting will be held at Achievement Day on 1/12/25.

Motion to adjourn at 6:41pm by Margaret Graese, second by Suz Deschane. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Witak