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**Marinette County  
 4-H Newsletter  
 February, 2023**

Greetings 4-H Family and Friends!

I hope you all stayed warm during the cold snap we had! According the groundhog, we still have 6 more weeks of winter ahead of us. I know that doesn't mean too much for many of us in Wisconsin and especially in 4-H as we still know how to have fun and get things done!

The deadline is quickly approaching for enrollment to be able to enter at the county fair. If you or anyone you know needs help with enrollment, please let us know at the 4-H office. We are always happy to help!

There are lots of great opportunities coming up in 4-H at the local, state and National level. Be sure to check out the newsletter for more information and sign up for the things that interest you! If you have any questions or need any assistance, again we are always happy to help.

Stay Warm!

Aimee Elkins  
 4-H Youth Development Program Educator  
 Marinette and Oconto Counties



**IF YOU DIDN'T CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 30TH, YOU ARE ONLY RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY.** If you still wish to have a hard copy snail mailed, please let the office know either by calling Nancy at 715-732-7514 or e-mailing [nancy.servais@wisc.edu](mailto:nancy.servais@wisc.edu)



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## **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

By now, **only those (new and returning) members who have completed their on-line enrollment forms and leaders who have completed the volunteer protection requirements are receiving this newsletter through 4-H online or snail mail, if requested.** General leaders, please check with your group to make sure everyone is registered. New members must join by May 1 in order to exhibit at the Fair.



### **4-H ArtBEAT! IS BACK!**

For WI 4-H members, grades 3-5, and their parents and leaders. It is an introductory program for WI 4-H Arts & Communication where 4-H members will have the opportunity to explore

their own creativity while discovering a variety of experiences available to them now and in the near future.

ArtBEAT! will be held **March 17—19** at Upham Woods. The weekend will feature a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday at 11:00 am.

Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and held at various sites throughout camp. Participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

The \$125.00 per person fee for youth and \$75.00 per person fee for adults will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, and meals. **REGISTER EARLY!** This arts experience fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration is **OPEN** and will close on **February 20, 2023**. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a **WAITLIST**. For additional information check out:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide.../art-beat/>

### **SESQUICENTENNIAL/CENTURY FARM AWARDS**

The WI State Fair honors farms and homes of 150 and 100 years. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Call Nancy at 732-7514. Deadline to apply is **March 1**.

### **CO. 4-H LEADERS ASSOC. SCHOLARSHIPS**

To be eligible, you must have been in Marinette County 4-H at least four years and be a 4-H graduate of Marinette County or eligible to graduate. Open to high school seniors, freshmen and sophomores in post-secondary education, inc. college, university or technical school and a full-time student. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension office. Deadline: **March 1**.

### **WI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**


More information here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

The WI 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding WI 4-H members & alumni pursuing higher education in 2023. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the WI 4-H Foundation via email by Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 5:00 pm. WI 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for WI 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a WI 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2023-2024 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

### **WI TOWNS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**


The WI Towns Association, Rural Mutual Insurance Company & Scott Construction, Inc., will be awarding \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2023 from a public or private high school in WI that plan to enroll in a WI public or private college or a university in 2023. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest. The essay should address the topic: “If Wisconsin could design it’s local government funding system from scratch, what would be the best and most equitable way to fund town government services?” Essays must be postmarked by **May 26, 2023**. For more information and an application, visit <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>



## Discovering 4-H Series Grades K-2

**Head, Heart, Hands, and Health  
Have fun! Explore each 'H' with us!**



For questions, contact your  
Local Extension Office



**JOIN US VIA ZOOM!  
6:00 – 7:00 pm**

- January 17- Head- Straw Rockets
- January 31- Heart- “The Day You Begin” Book
- February 14 -Hands – Lava Mug Cake
- February 28- Health- Happy minds and bodies

**Scan QR Code to register today!**  
Registration deadline: January 6  
Receive a box with supplies, a supply list, and connect information for the interactive zooms!

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## Discovering 4-H Series Grades 3-6

**Let's Celebrate Together!**

- Get to know new friends
- Create paper art
- Learn science with food
- Add wellness to your routine
- Play interactive games

**JOIN US VIA ZOOM!**  
Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21  
6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Registration open until Jan. 6

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Have you signed up yet for our two Discover 4-H Series? These are FREE opportunities for both non-members and members to learn more about what 4-H is and some of our different project areas.

We are able to offer this these at no cost thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation! If you'd like to sign up, please visit: <https://go.wisc.edu/756vd7>.

### **ATTENTION: ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

We still have lots of volunteers that are in need of completing training. 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 site to complete the necessary training(s).

Contact the 4-H office at 715-732-7514 or email [nancy.servais@wisc.edu](mailto:nancy.servais@wisc.edu)



**JUNE 19-22  
GRADES 7-10**  
Registration opens in April

**SUMMER  
ACADEMY  
2023**

**Exploring Your WHY**

Youth education, career, and SPARK discovery  
SAVE THE DATE! More information to come!

### **2023 SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE**

The Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association’s Spring Garden Conference. Celebrating 25 years of excellence in gardening education. The 2023 Spring Garden Conference will be held **Saturday, March 18**, 8 am-3:45 pm, at the UW-Green Bay, Marinette Campus, 750 West Bay Shore Street, in Marinette. Cost is \$40 which includes morning refreshments, four educational sessions, plus homemade soup and lunch. Some workshops offered will be an extra fee. For more information and registration, click on: <https://marinette.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/02/2023-brochure-web.pdf> or contact the Extension office.



## SAVE THE DATE—TRI COUNTY SUMMER CAMP

We are so thrilled to have the opportunity to host a tri-county summer camp again in 2023!! If you or anyone you know may be interested in being a camp counselor this year sign up right away—[Deadline has been extended to February 15!](#)

# Calling all camp staff!

Snow might be falling, but we're already looking ahead to a GREAT WEEK OF 4-H SUMMER CAMP! (Reserve August 1 -4, 2023 on your calendar.)

We are seeking youth currently in grades 8 - 13 to act as camp counselors and waterfront staff at our many 4-H opportunities this summer. We are intending to host 3 day camps and one week-long residential camp (4 days, 3 nights for campers.) Youth will not need to lead in every camp offered.

The camp application will be open from December 15th - ~~January 15th~~. Applicants will be invited to initial trainings upon application.

**Find the camp application at:**  
[tinyurl.com/23CampCo4H](https://tinyurl.com/23CampCo4H).



## MINUTES

### Marinette County 4-H Leader's Association 12/11/22 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm by President Jennie Pillath at Achievement Day at Grover Town Hall.

Barb Kolosowski nominated Lisa Witak for Vice President. Motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Lisa Witak for Vice President by Barb Kolosowski, second by Suz Deschane. Carried

Lisa Witak nominated Julia Lepinski for Treasurer. Motion by Suz Deschane, second by Barb Kolosowski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Julia Lepinski for Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Witak



**2023**  
**4-H County Activities & Special Projects**  
**Volunteer Sign-Up - Due February 28**

YOUTH and ADULTS—As you plan your new 4-H year, please consider sharing your time and talent in one or more of our county activities and special projects. Please sign up to serve in your area of interest for the coming year. Whether you are new or are already helping in an area, please complete this sign-up sheet. If there is more than one person to a sheet, please put name next to choices. Committee sign-ups are on an annual basis. You need to sign up each year to be on the Committee.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please put your name next to the group you'd like to help with & return to the Extension Office. Limit of three (3) committees per person.**

\_\_\_ **Awards and Trips** - provides leadership in promotion of 4-H trips, works with Leaders Association and the County 4-H Office to determine candidate selection process. Meets February and October or as needed.

\_\_\_ **Raffle/County Fundraising** - develops annual fundraising plan, makes recommendations on and helps coordinate and promote planned fundraisers.

\_\_\_ **Food Stand** - provides leadership in developing 4-H food stand policies and procedures, recommends menu items, orders food and supplies, helps to evaluate, etc. Meets April-September, 1-2x/month as needed.

\_\_\_ **Scholarship** - reviews scholarship procedures, assists in selection of scholarship winners.

\_\_\_ **Royalty** - Prepares candidates, helps with all aspects of contest, secures judges, facilitates Royalty coronation at the Fair, awards & follow up. Meets April-August.

Yes  No I am interested in serving as a Committee Chair or Co-Chair. List Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H ACTIVITY COORDINATOR or COMMITTEE** — Plan and implement special county activities. Can be youth or adult or youth/adult team. Duties include assisting with promotion and coordination of event, selecting judges, event follow up.

\_\_\_ Speaking Contest & Music Fest (normally held in February/March)

\_\_\_ Drama & Variety and Demonstration Contest (normally held in April)

\_\_\_ Super Saturday/Project 101 Day

\_\_\_ Fair help (office or at fair) (August)

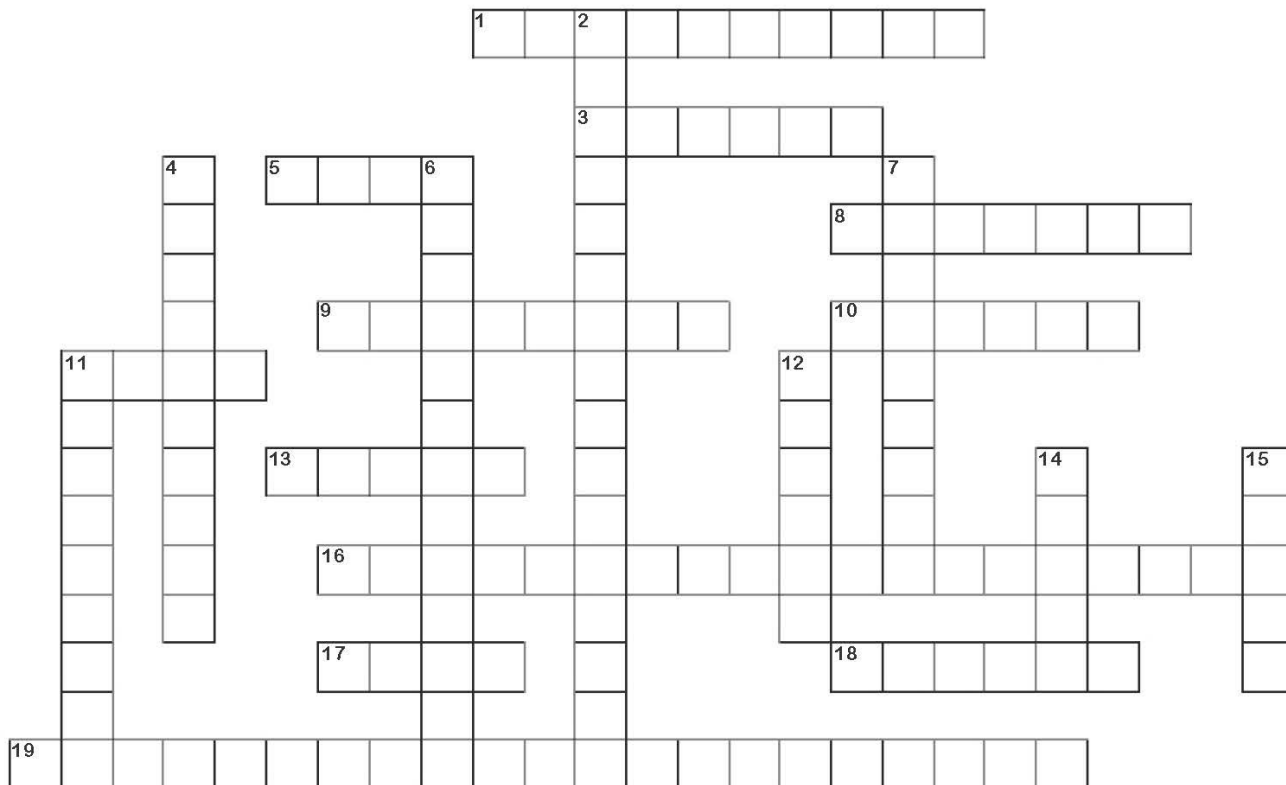
\_\_\_ Other. Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! Please return to the Extension Office by February 28th.*



## Common Word Crossword

4-H has a lot of words that might not get used in other places. See if you can fill in the word that matches each definition!



### ACROSS

1. Where you keep track of all your 4-H project work in a year (2 words)
3. Any young person signed up for 4-H
5. I pledge my \_\_\_\_\_ to clearer thinking
8. Item you enter into the fair for judging
9. Website where adults sign youth up for 4-H (2 words)
10. Adult volunteer who helps youth in 4-H
11. Group of 4-H members who meet regularly to conduct business, learn about projects, do community service, and have fun
13. The 4-H \_\_\_\_\_: To Make the Best Better
16. Leadership group made of volunteers and youth leaders from around the county (2 words)
17. Event where 4-H youth may exhibit their projects
18. I pledge my \_\_\_\_\_ to better living
19. Travel opportunity that explores other places with Wisconsin 4-H members (2 words)

### DOWN

2. Project or event done by 4-H members to help make the community a better place (2 words)
4. Person who leads and coordinates the county-level program
6. Presentation by a 4-H member where they teach a project-based skill to other club members
7. System that is home to the 4-H program, established by the Smith-Lever Act (2 words)
11. 4-H member in grades K-2
12. Commitment or promise; most clubs recite this to start each meeting
14. I pledge my \_\_\_\_\_ to greater loyalty
15. I pledge my \_\_\_\_\_ to larger service

**Stuck on a clue? That's ok! You can find the answers on the opposite page!**

*Exploring 4-H for New Families is developed by Heidi Vanderloop Benson, Chippewa County 4-H Program Educator and Ben Hoppe, Brown County 4-H Program Educator, UW-Madison Division of Extension.*

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## Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means. The number next to each **bolded** word corresponds to the answer in the crossword puzzle on the opposite page.

### 4-H words you might hear in your **Club**

A 4-H **club**<sup>11</sup> is made up of youth **members**<sup>3</sup> and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud**<sup>11</sup> is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader**<sup>10</sup> who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service**<sup>2</sup> projects to make a difference in their community. Some clubs also have their members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book**<sup>1</sup>. Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**<sup>6</sup>, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.



Credit: Ben Hoppe



Credit: Alyssa Zirbel

### 4-H words you might hear across your **County**

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**<sup>17</sup>. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**<sup>8</sup>. Many counties also have a **Leaders Organization**<sup>16</sup> made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county. The organization is usually known as a Leaders Federation, Leaders Association, or Leaders Council.

### 4-H words you might hear across **Wisconsin**

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**<sup>7</sup>. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H educator**<sup>4</sup> who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**,<sup>9</sup> to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website, members can also enroll in an **educational experience**,<sup>19</sup> which is an educational travel opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.



Credit: Ben Hoppe

### 4-H words you might hear across the **country**

The 4 H's are **Head**<sup>5</sup>, **Heart**<sup>14</sup>, **Hands**<sup>15</sup>, and **Health**<sup>18</sup>. These are all part of the 4-H **Pledge**,<sup>12</sup> which is usually recited at the beginning of meetings. The 4-H **Motto**<sup>13</sup>, adopted nationally, is "To Make the Best Better."



Have a minute? Please provide feedback by filling out this [5-question survey](#)

