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4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship**, and **life skills**.

August 2019

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Happy New Year

When I worked in the admissions office at Viterbo, I absolutely lived for one day each year: Move In Day. At the end of August, the week before courses began, wide-eyed freshman students would be gingerly dropped off by teary-eyed parents as they meandered the campus. The kids were always a little nervous those first 2 weeks and then they totally embraced their independence.

College is a huge example of this, but every kid, ever year, has an opportunity to reinvent themselves every August. What new things will excite me this year? Who will I sit with at lunch? Maybe I'll try out for baseball!

Just as school starts - 4-H starts up again in the fall, too. This year, we're starting an annual 4-H Expo on the Saturday of National 4-H Week, **October 12, 2019**. Come down to the fairgrounds and find out MORE about 4-H, invite your friends who are curious, come show off what YOU do in 4-H, share what you know with new members, and find something new you can dip your toes in!

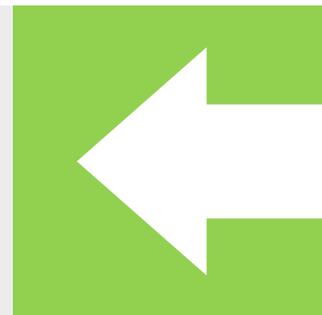
It's time to start over, do a re-do, freshen it up, and get excited! It's back to school!

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leadership >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

The next Leaders Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 8th** at **7:00 p.m.** at Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem. There will be an open forum at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.



bits n' pieces >>>

Record Books



Record Books for the 2018-2019 4-H year are due to the Extension office by **4:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, August 29th**. In past years, there has been some confusion about Record Books. What are they? Why do I need to do one? How do I do one? A lot of these common questions and more are answered on the new Record Book webpage at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-books>. All record book novices are encouraged to spend some time looking at this page! And as always, if you run into troubles, feel free to contact our office at 608-785-9593 or LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org.

Historical 4-H Display

The Holmen Historical Society has put together an Area 4-H History Display. Come see artifacts and pictures of our 4-H past at the Holmen Village Hall (421 Co Hwy DH, Holmen, WI 54636) any weekday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All 4-H clubs, members, families and friends are welcome to come enjoy this display while it lasts!



Fair Premium Checks

Fair premium checks are still scheduled to be ready for dispersal on **Friday, August 23rd** to qualifying exhibitors who placed at the La Crosse Interstate Fair in July. For 4-H members, all checks will be grouped by club and given to your club leader(s). From there, your club leader will disperse checks to each individual family. For questions or to make other pickup arrangements, please contact Marla Stello at 608-317-2626 or stellomj@hotmail.com.

Cedar Crest Contest

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. Entries are due by **Tuesday, October 1st** and must be submitted via the online entry form or by emailing the form to kaitlyn.mazza@cedarcresticecream.com.

The top 5 clubs will win an ice cream party. The winning club will receive a Cedar Crest ice cream party and a \$300 grand prize. In addition, the winning flavor will be produced in 2020 and featured on all materials announcing the 2020 Feature Flavor line-up for the year. For a glimpse at past years' winners or to submit your online entry form, visit <https://www.cedarcresticecream.com/about-us/2019-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/>.

State Fair Youth Expo

Congratulations to the 19 youth from La Crosse County whose Fair exhibits were selected for the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo! Exhibits will be on display at the State Fair in West Allis, WI until **Sunday, August 11th**.

Notices will go out to participants when exhibits arrive back to the Extension office with pickup details. All exhibits will be awarded a participation or merit ribbon from State Fair judging. If the exhibit was also selected as a Pump House piece for the fall, we will automatically switch out the tags and store it for you until the Pump House display opens in September *unless we hear otherwise from families*. If you have any questions, please contact our office.



club charters >>>

What is it?

Every recognized club - whether it's a community club like Lucky Lakers, or a project orientated club like the Horse Project - has to submit an annual charter for review by the state office. This is basically an audit; it ensures that the basic requirements for a club are intact, and that the club has the right mission, focus, and resources. This whole page is devoted to the common pitfalls of this process.



SMART Goals

If we as a county had to work on one thing together, I would say it would be the SMART Goals section of the charter. Some clubs had spectacular ones! Here are a few examples:

- ◆ To increase our membership by at least 2 new families and retain the current membership.
- ◆ Begin a Community Service Committee and participate in at least 2 community service events.
- ◆ Invite 1 exchange student to present on his/her culture at a club meeting.
- ◆ Have the club work together on a booth for the Fair.
- ◆ Review and renew our bylaws by November to ensure all youth have a voice, are welcome to our club, and have an opportunity to participate.

SMART goals are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound. If there isn't a specific time mentioned, it's assumed it's within the 4-H year. It's okay to not list a time in some goals. But the more narrowed your focus, the more probable it is your club will meet its goal.



The focus was given in the charter regarding Expanding Access, and that can trip people up. It basically invites you to think outside the box—who ISN'T at our meetings, and how can we get them there? One club had a great idea:

“Set up activities, education, or chat time for parents to motivate them to spend time at the meetings with their children.”

But, it needs a little more structure. When will you start? How many times will this be attempted in order to know if it's a success?

SMART goals do not have to be hard. In a time crunch they can seem impossible, but I encourage everyone to take advantage of the next time you're stuck waiting in an office for someone to practice and come up with a SMART goal. They can be fun!

OOPSIES

These things were commonly missed on charters and were flagged by the state last year:

- ◆ Date of last update to bylaws (page 1)
- ◆ EIN number for the club (page 5)
- ◆ “0.00” on any empty line in the financial report (page 5)
- ◆ Account Authorization - a list of the names of those authorized on the accounts (page 6)
- ◆ Does your group own land or buildings? (page 6)
- ◆ Financial Review Signature (page 6)

Be sure to review, review, review your charter documents before you submit to make sure you catch these common mistakes!

Paperwork

All charter forms and details can be found online 24/7 on our Charter webpage at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/club-committee-resources/charters/>. More formal requirements will be communicated in the coming weeks, but until then, save yourself some time and headache by working ahead! If you have any questions or concerns about your group or any piece of the charter process, please contact the Extension office at 608-785-9593 or LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org.

2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

It's hard to believe another 4-H year is already winding down! Enrollment for the 2019-2020 4-H year begins in September. So, next month is the perfect time for new families to join. And remember that all current 4-H youth must be re-enrolled every year in 4HOnline. The 4HOnline website will open for new and re-enrollments beginning on **Monday, September 9th**.



Keep an eye out for September's special issue of the Cloverline, which will have all the information you need to know about 4-H enrollment. Paper enrollment forms in English and Spanish are available for families who wish to enroll in lieu of using the 4HOnline website. Enrollment information can also be found online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-honline-enrollment/>. In the meantime, start recruiting new friends and faces for your clubs and as always, please contact the Extension office if you have any questions or concerns about 4-H.

Achievement Celebration

Save the date! The 2019 annual Achievement Celebration will take place on **Thursday, October 17th** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Lunda Center (319 7th St. N) on the WTC campus in La Crosse. A free pre-celebration dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. before the awards ceremony.

At the Achievement Celebration, youth will be recognized for their achievements in 4-H over the last year in their clubs, projects, record books, and county leadership roles. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but ***an RSVP is required this year!*** To RSVP you and your guests for this event, please contact the Extension office at 608-785-9593 or email LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org.

animal sciences >>>

2019 State Dog Shows

The State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show, hosted by Rock County, will take place on **Friday, August 9th-Sunday, August 11th** at the Rock County Fairgrounds (1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI 53545).

The State 4-H Dog Agility Show, hosted by Dane County, will take place on **Saturday, August 17th** at Canine Sports Zone (3036 Laura Ln, Middleton, WI 53562). Registration and more details on both of these Shows are online at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/dog/>.



State Horse Events

Horse Project members - save the dates! State 4-H Horse Gymkhana is set for **Saturday, September 7th-Sunday, September 8th** at **7:00 a.m.** and the State 4-H Horse Expo is set for the following weekend on **Friday, September 13th- Sunday, September 15th**. Both events will take place at Wisconsin State Fair Park, located at 640 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53214. Visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/> for more information.



Cat Project Announcement

Kimberly Young, this year's superintendent for Cats (Department 13) at Fair would like to extend apologies for the mix-up of Vet Sciences and Cats both being judged and shown in the Small Animal Barn this year. Hopefully, this location will remain the same in coming years.

Also, in an effort to make Fair a more enjoyable experience for youth, Kim is asking for feedback on whether cat families would like to see judging classes be broken down in the future by ages or years of experience? Please email her your thoughts and comments to kkymmm@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

shooting sports >>>

Pistol Program

When: **Tuesday, September 17th** and **Thursday, September 19th** from **6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Where: La Crosse Rifle Club, 4844 North Chipmunk Rd, Stoddard, WI 54658

Cost: \$10 per youth

The La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee is offering a pistol shooting program for youth ages 12 and up. This session is available to both 4-H and community (not in 4-H) members.

Participants must have a Hunter's Safety Certification as part of registration.

The cost of the program will cover safety instruction, insurance, ear protection, use of pistols, all ammunition, targets, and facility rental. This will be the 8th time the Committee has offered this fun, safe, and effective program! A team of committed and certified instructors will be present at all times to insure safe and quality instruction.

Registration is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis with a class maximum of 12 and a minimum of 4 in order to hold the program. Registration is due to the Extension office by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13th**. More information and a copy of the registration form can be found online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>. Please contact instructor Chuck Schleifer at chuckschleifer55@gmail.com with any questions.

Instructor Certification Workshop

When: **Friday, September 13th** from **6:00-10:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, September 14th** from **8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Where: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449

Cost: \$70 if this is your 1st certification; \$55 for those attending an additional certification; \$25 for a spouse to join in the same discipline and certification

Contact: Doug Thompson, 920-391-4657 or doug.thompson@wisc.edu

If you are a 4-H volunteer that is interested in teaching our youth about safe and effective shooting, then this workshop is for you! This workshop will offer the following disciplines: archery, coordinator, rifle/air rifle, muzzleloader, pistol/air pistol, and shotgun. For more information and copy of the registration form, visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingports/events/multi-county-statewide-certification-workshop/>.



Glimpse Into 2020

August signals the successful end to another 4-H enrollment year! Can you believe how fast this summer went? As we look ahead to starting the 2019-2020 4-H year in September, please keep in mind the following dates that have already been set for some of our county's annual programs and events that you won't want to miss!

- ◆ **January 11th & 25th** - Archery & Pellet Gun Program
- ◆ **January 20th** - Annual Leader Training
- ◆ **February 8th & 22nd** - Archery & Pellet Gun Program
- ◆ **February 15th** - Clover College
- ◆ **March 7th & 21st** - Archery & Pellet Gun Program
- ◆ **March 14th** - Expressive Arts Festival
- ◆ **March 26th** - Annual Leader Training
- ◆ **April 3rd-4th** - La Crosse County Archery Invitational
- ◆ **April 6th** - Club Youth Officer Workshop
- ◆ **July 15th-19th** - La Crosse Interstate Fair
- ◆ **July 23rd** - First Day of La Crosse County Summer Camp



arts & communication >>>



Arts Camp

When: **Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, October 6th at 3:30 p.m.**

Where: Upham Woods Learning Ctr, N194 Cty N, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Cost: TBD (a portion of camp fees will be reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Board)

4-H Arts Camp is a workshop weekend for youth in grades 6-8 who will rotate through stations featuring different arts tracks, participate in a group art experience, and close with a small ceremony for parents and families to come see the work that was produced during camp. Youth will meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the beauty of nature!

Register early - space is limited. For more information and to register, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/events/4-h-arts-camp/>. Questions can be directed to Lynn Pfeiffer at 608-262-1222 or lynn.pfeiffer@wisc.edu.

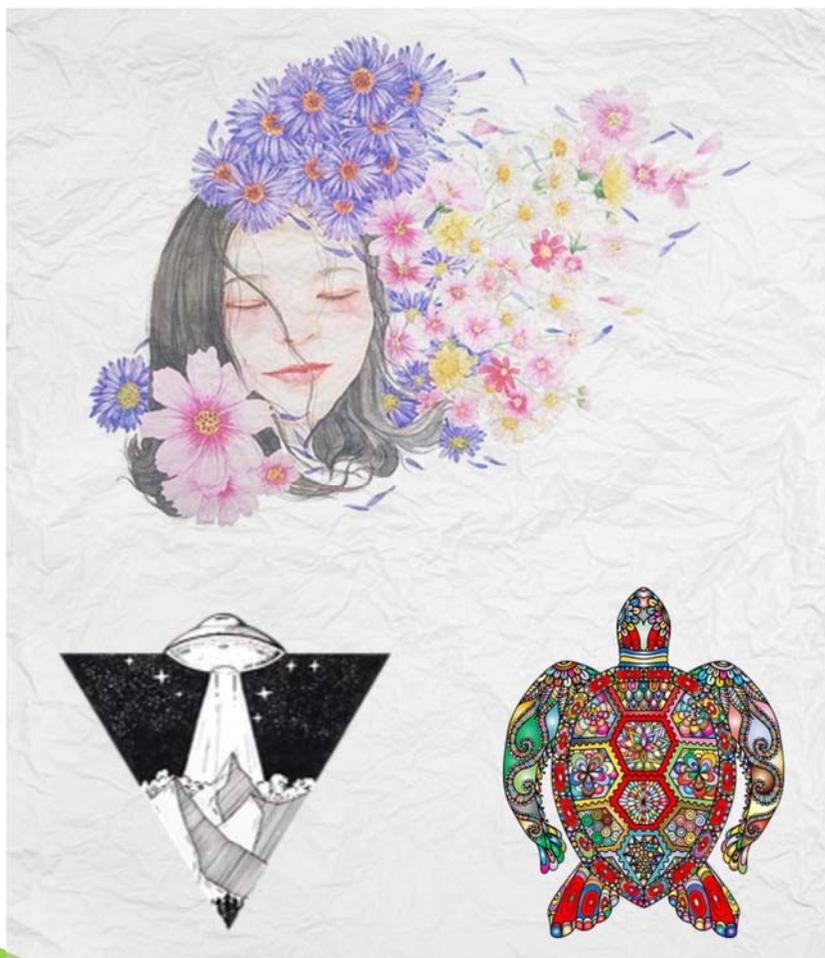
Older youth and adults who are interested in being a camp counselor for Arts Camp should plan on attending Camp Planning Weekend on **Saturday, August 17th - Sunday, August 18th**. Please contact Lynn for more information.

Pump House

The annual 4-H Art Exhibit will be on display at the Pump House Regional Arts Center (119 King St., La Crosse, WI 54601) from **Wednesday, September 18th** until **Saturday, October 19th**. Selected exhibits were picked at the 2019 La Crosse Interstate Fair in July in specific departments. So bring your club, family, and friends out to see the best work of our county youth any day the Pump House is open!

An artist's reception is tentatively planned for participants and their families for **Tuesday, September 24th** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** This is a short event put on by volunteers and the Extension office to enjoy the work of our local 4-Hers and to celebrate their achievements in their projects over the past year.

Being selected to exhibit at the Pump House is an honor, not a requirement! As with any public event, there are risks involved. If you were a selected exhibitor at Fair and wish to participate in the 4-H Art Exhibit, please bring your piece to the Extension office by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5th**. No exhibits will be accepted after this date. Please attach the purple information slip to your piece that was given to you at Fair judging. Our office will contact participants after the Exhibit ends in October with details on arranging pick up of pieces. Please call our office with any questions or concerns. And congratulations to all our Pump House selectees this year!



youth leadership >>>

NEW ME Form

Anyone looking to receive Leaders Association trip scholarships for the 2019-2020 year has a new process to follow! The Member Evaluation (ME) Form is now expanded to allow 4-Hers to select all potential trips they are interested in for the entire year. It's one form to be submitted by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1st** to assist the Leaders Board in making selections for delegates and travel scholarship recipients. It also helps us know who is planning to go to what. You can find the Form online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>. Let us know if you have questions!

Youth Leaders Meeting

When: **Sunday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.**

Where: First Congregational Church, 2503 Main St.,
Social Room, La Crosse, WI 54601

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2019-2020 Ambassadors

It's time again to apply to be a 4-H Youth Ambassador for next year! Youth going into grades 9 and up are invited to fill out an application at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/> by **Friday, August 30th**. Being a 4-H Ambassador is a great honor. Selected youth get to represent La Crosse County 4-H at community and county events and activities while promoting involvement in 4-H. For questions about Ambassadors, please contact Emily Crook at 608-785-9593 or LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 → WI State Fair (1st-11th)	2	3
4 → Summer Camp (4th-6th)	5	6	7	8 Leaders Board Mtg	9 → State Show & Ob. Dog Show (9th-11th)	10 Bangor Daze Softball
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 State Agility Dog Show
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