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

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*...and much more!*

## New Adventures

Every day, I get little emails sent to me when someone registers in 4HOnline and I do my usual scrubbing through of making sure they have this selected, or that filled out, or that their projects line up with their grade level (there are just a handful this applies to these days). And sometimes, I will go through my checklist and it will catch my eye when new projects are listed.

Sometimes, ALL the projects listed are new projects. And those are new members, or even better - 3rd graders! You guys - there is nothing more exciting and overwhelming than making fun choices. When you're a kid it's like - what type of notebook will I get for school this year, or ice cream flavor after swimming lessons, or what color bike for my birthday? It's lighthearted and exhilarating. When you're an adult - what sort of house, car, coat, job, school... I mean, it's endless, the stress of it.

So I get a little giddy when I see a 3rd grader picking out those projects because that's her sparkle. That is her unbridled curiosity. She has interest in that, and that's gonna help her personality develop. These little choices are going to start an avalanche of goodness in her life.

Very often we get overwhelmed with the necessity of choice, we miss out on the wonderment of something new and different, and we forget to start our avalanche of goodness! Is there a project you want to showcase at the fair this summer? You have until April 1, 2020 to make sure you're eligible through 4HOnline. Get them on your list!

Emily Crook  
Positive Youth Development Educator  
La Crosse County Extension

# leadership >>>

## Leaders Board Meeting

**When:** Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

**Where:** Hamilton Town Hall, West Salem, WI

Drafted language for by-law addendum will be culminated for review, but the submitted drafted language will be sent out for vote at the April meeting. Presentations from project groups will begin. The Leaders Board monthly meeting minutes are available online 24/7 at <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-leadership/leaders-board-minutes>.



## 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Process

Attention new and returning 4-H volunteers! In order to be or continue to be a Wisconsin state-certified 4-H volunteer, you must complete the following requirements:

- Create or re-enroll your 4HOnline profile
- Pass a state background check through the GIS system (initial & every 4 years after that)
- Attend V.I.P. training at the Extension La Crosse County office (one-time)
- Complete Mandated Reporter training in your 4HOnline profile (one-time)

Many volunteers have still not completed this list this far into the 4-H year! If you have questions about where you are in the process, or simply wish to verify that you are all set to go, please reach out to the Extension La Crosse County office today at [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty).

# bits n' pieces >>>

## Fairest of the Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Fairest of the Fair! This contest is open to anyone over age 18 by January 1st, 2020 and interested in representing the La Crosse Interstate Fair and county at various public relation events. Forms and more details are available online at [http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/fairest\\_of\\_the\\_fair](http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/fairest_of_the_fair).

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd. For questions, please contact Marla Stello at 608-788-5506 or [stellomj@hotmail.com](mailto:stellomj@hotmail.com).

## Open Foods Superintendent Position

The La Crosse Interstate Fair is looking for one or two individuals to be a superintendent for the Open Foods department. If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact Carlie Scriver at 608-317-9168 or [carlie.scriver@yahoo.com](mailto:carlie.scriver@yahoo.com) for questions and a description of the position duties.

## 4-H Woodworking Day

**Where:** Minnesota State College Southeast, Winona campus, Door 8

**When:** April 3rd, 4pm - 6pm project discovery, April 4th, 8am - 4pm project construction.

**Why:** To allow 4-Hers to work on there own air projects in a large cabinet shop setting.

There are 10 spots available, to reserve your spot contact Jon Powell 608-769-7604 or by email [jonathan.powell@southeastmn.edu](mailto:jonathan.powell@southeastmn.edu).

Also available is **Welding Exploration from 10am -12pm**. No sign up, the welding shop is right next to the cabinet shop. Lunch will be provided.

Must have an adult with them for help. The adult does not need to have any woodworking background, it's primarily for safety.

# animal sciences >>>

## Poultry Project

**What:** Town of Gale Town Hall Coulee Region  
Poultry Club meeting

**When:** March 5th, 2020 at 6:30pm

**Where:** 20037 Gibson St, Galesville, WI 54630

Planning for the 2020 CRPC Show. Learning activity will be egg candling. Jim Laatsch [jimsparky2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsparky2000@yahoo.com), Cell 253.241.9981

**What:** La Crosse 4-H Poultry Project Kick Off Meeting

**When:** April 9th, 2020 at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Town of Greenfield Town Hall N1800 Town Hall Road in St. Joseph Ridge, WI.

Get ready for the 2020 LaCrosse Fair with a poultry workshop. All are welcome to attend. Practice showmanship, learn to incubate eggs, select birds for the fair and have fun. Jim Laatsch [jimsparky2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsparky2000@yahoo.com), Cell 253.241.9981

## Sheep Clinic

**When:** March 8th at 1:00 pm

**Where:** Greenfield Town Hall (St. Joe's) N1800 Town Hall Road La Crosse, WI 54601

**Topics:** Maintaining Health Records  
Vaccinations  
Cuts of Meat  
Fair Preparation  
Skillathon

The Sheep Clinic counts as an Educational Session for 2020 Jr. Livestock Auction. Contact Stacy Wieman with any questions 608-385-0612.

## Cat Project

**When:** Sunday, March 22, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Goodwill (200 Theater Rd, Onalaska, WI 54650)

Come to the first meeting of the Cat Project and see if there is enough interest to get a group going. We'll discuss a timeline of future meetings



## 2020 Dog Training Classes

The Dog Project will once again be offering training classes in the disciplines of Showmanship, Obedience, Agility, Critter Hunt and Dog Bowl. Classes will meet weekly beginning at the end of April. For more information and a copy of your registration form, please visit the Project's webpage at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment/4-h-projects/dog/>. Registration is due to the Extension La Crosse County Office by Monday, April 1st at 4:30 p.m.



## Dog Project

There will be an orientation class on Tuesday April 16th, at 6:00 pm, location TBD. All dog project members who will be showing at the fair for Obedience, Showmanship, Critter Hunt, or Agility, are required to attend this meeting with a parent. DO NOT bring your dog to meeting.



# YQCA>>>

## 2020 YQCA Training

For youth exhibitors that wish to participate in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is required. This training is also required for the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair, but for swine exhibitors only.

There are 3 different ways to complete your YQCA training this year (see below).

### ONLINE:

YQCA training can be taken online in the form of self-guided modules. The cost for this format is \$12 per youth. To get this off your to-do list - visit <http://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> and enter your 4HOnline profile information. Module content varies based on youth's current school grade. Modules do not have to be completed in a single sitting. Upon completion of training, an online certificate will be generated which will have a certificate number on it which is needed for fair entries. It is recommended that these e-certificates be printed for records.

### FACE TO FACE:

Kaitlyn Lance, Agriculture Educator, and Emily Crook, Positive Youth Development Educator, will be offering face-to-face trainings on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 and Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Bangor High School** (700 10th Ave S, Bangor, WI 54614). Pre-registration for these events is required via the YQCA website and is available now! The cost for this format is \$3 per youth, but will be reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Association if a digital or paper copy of the online invoice/receipt is presented to the Extension office. Payment for training is due online upon registration. Register here: <http://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

### TEST OUT:

The new "test out" option will be available for the first time this year only for youth ages 12, 15, 19 years old who feel they have sufficient knowledge of the YQCA training content. Youth will only have 1 chance to pass a 50 question exam at 80% or better. Upon passing, certification will be good for 3 years until they age into the next age bracket of material. Since this option is good for 3 year's worth of modules, it costs \$36 per youth. However, you will not be charged if youth do not pass with an 80% or better. Currently there are no study materials for this option.

### SWINE AND AUCTION EXHIBITORS:

All swine exhibitors and those other livestock participating in the auction must submit a paper of their YQCA completion certificate to the Jr. Livestock Committee at the address below:

LA CROSSE COUNTY JR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE  
COLENE MILLER, SECRETARY  
N5909 MMCKINLEY VALLEY RD  
WEST SALEM, WI 54669

As always, please contact the Extension Office with any questions - 608-785-9593 or [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org)



## Area Animal Sciences Day

We are happy to announce that the dates and locations for the 2020 Area Animal Science Days contests will be **Thursday, June 11 in Jefferson County** (Southern Site) and **Friday, June 12 in Marathon County** (Northern Site).

This year we are consolidating the regional contests into a northern and southern host site. We have made the decision to try 2 host sites this year due to changes in staffing capacity in both the Wisconsin 4-H Program and in the College of Ag Life Sciences (CALs). We are committed to delivering a high quality educational experience for all youth who participate and have done our best to choose sites that can handle the larger amount of youth participants and dates that fit into the packed summer schedule of 4-H educational events and animal-science related events.

Registration information will be posted online soon at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/>.



# youth leadership >>>

## Camp Counselor Application and Training

This year we are combining camps with Richland, Crawford, Vernon and Monroe Counties, so there will be many youth (grades 9 and up!) applying for camp counselor positions. To be a camp counselor, be sure to apply by filling out an application here: <https://forms.gle/kJh1sRHDgek9myhaA> by April 15, 2020 - since we are working with other counties, there is no exception for late applications. Go ahead and fill it out now!

Additionally, Camp Counselor training for our local counties will be Monday, July 6, 2020. But youth are welcome to sign up and attend Upham Woods Counselor training events on March 28-29, April 25-26, or May 2-3, 2020, cost is \$30, some funding may be available from the La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Association. To see more about trainings at Upham Woods, visit: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/community-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>



## WI 4-H & Youth Conference

- When:** Monday, June 24th to Thursday, June 27th  
**Where:** UW-Madison campus  
**Who:** Youth in 7th-10th grade at time of registration  
**Cost:** Approximately \$300 (some funding is available from the Leaders Board)

Registration will open on April 1st and end on April 15th in 4HOnline. Seminar sessions will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. This conference opens doors to many other state trip opportunities for your future and is always a popular and fun experience. All conference participants will automatically qualify for Leaders Board scholarships. For more information on the conference, visit <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>.

## Youth Leader Meeting

**When:** Sunday, March 17th at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Michaels, 9348 Hwy 16, Onalaska WI

We have some opportunities coming up for marketing and recruiting 4-H members, representing 4-H at other county events, speaking opportunities with clubs - come and check it out!

## Health Careers Camp

**When:** Sunday, June 21st - Wednesday, June 24th

**Where:** Various health center facilities in La Crosse

**Who:** Youth 16 years or older at the time of camp with an interest in a possible future healthcare career.

Registration is now open! Each camp session offers students a realistic and up-close look into a variety of health careers. Organizers work with healthcare organizations and post-secondary educational institutions across the region to provide students the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experiences including multiple job shadows, simulation labs and exploration. Our camp counselors are undergraduate or graduate students in health profession majors

Applications are due by Tuesday, March 31st. For more information and copy of the application, visit <https://www.scenicriversahec.org/camp>.

# family, home & health >>>

## Foods Revue

Save the dates! The 2020 Foods Revue is scheduled for Monday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m. (set up at 5:00) at the La Crosse County Administrative Center.

This is a pre-fair event with face-to-face judging.

For more information on both these events, please visit <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/>.

# shooting sports>>>

## La Crosse County Archery Invitational

**When:** Friday, April 3rd or Saturday, April 5th

**Where:** La Crosse Archery, 1231 Oak Forest Drive,  
Onalaska, WI 54650

**Who:** 4-H & community members 12 years and older

**Cost:** \$7 for 1st event; \$5 for each event thereafter  
(youth who participated in the 2020 Archery  
& Pellet Gun Program this winter can shoot for  
free!)

Come on out for a weekend of fun, friendly and safe competition in the discipline of archery! Divisions include Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels based on school grade in either Barebow or Freestyle events. All participants will receive a participation award. The top 3 scorers in each event will receive special awards. For more information and copy of the registration form, visit <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>.

Registration forms with fees are due to the Extension La Crosse County office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th. No late entries will be accepted!

## Holmen Archery Program

**When:** May 11th & 18th, June 1st, 8th, & 15th, and  
July 6th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Arrows in the Square, N7681 Casberg Coulee  
Rd, Holmen, WI 54636

**Cost:** \$6 per 4-H youth, \$10 per community youth

All 4-H and community youth are welcome to come participate in this new archery program! If you are unable to participate in the winter Archery & Pellet Gun Program, this is a great way to get your 2 sessions done in order to participate in the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair Archery Tournament. Or maybe you had so much fun this winter, you want to continue your archery studies this spring! Participants do not have to participate in the winter Archery & Pellet Gun Program in order to participate in the Holmen Archery Program. For more information and copy of the registration form, visit <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>. Registration forms with fees are due to the

Extension La Crosse County office by **4:30 pm on  
Thursday, May 2nd.**

# scholarships >>>

## WI 4-H Foundation

**Due Monday, March 16th, 2020 via email at 5:00 p.m.** The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education based on demonstrated personal growth, development, leadership, academic performance and future educational goals. For details, eligibility and application, visit the WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship web page.

## Western Wisconsin Beef Producers

**Due Wednesday, April 1st, 2020 via mail.** The Western Wisconsin Beef Producers will award \$300 scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to end post-secondary education. Applicants must be or have an immediate family member that is in good standing of the Cooperative and be pursuing education on an agricultural-related field. For details, eligibility, and application, visit this site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>

## Agriculture Society Scholarship

**Due Wednesday, April 1st, 2020.** The La Crosse County Agricultural Society will award 2 scholarships of varying amounts to current high school seniors who participate in the La Crosse Interstate Fair, are active 4-H/FFA members and will be enrolled in post-secondary education in fall of 2019. For details, eligibility, and application, visit this site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>. Send application to La Crosse County Agricultural Society Inc. P.O. Box 912 West Salem, WI 54669-0912

## Shooting Sports Scholarship

**Applications will be due Wednesday, April 1st, 2020.** The La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will award up to (6) \$250 scholarships to current juniors or seniors in high school who meet the requirements. For details, eligibility, and application, visit this site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>

# enrollment >>>

## 2019-2020 Enrollment

Enrollment in 4-H is open to everyone all year round, even though the “official” start of the 4-H year is September 1st.



**However, if you want to participate in the 2020 La Crosse Interstate Fair this July, you must be enrolled or re-enrolled in 4HOnline and have your projects finalized by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1st.**

If you wish or expect to participate in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair, you must be enrolled or re-enrolled in 4HOnline and have your projects finalized by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. This is a state fair exhibition rule.

Please don't wait until the last minute! With online enrollments can sometimes come technical difficulties, and you don't want to miss a deadline! If you need help enrolling, there are step-by-step guides online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-honline-enrollment/> or you can contact Extension La Crosse County at 608-785-9593 or [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org).

Paper enrollment forms in Spanish and English are available to you in lieu of online enrollment - just contact Extension La Crosse County today for a copy. Otherwise, log in to 4HOnline at [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) to get your enrollment for the 2019-2020 year taken care of today!

# March 2020 >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 -Leaders Board Scholarship Deadline -State Fair Project Selection Deadline	2 Horse Bowl Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 Archery & Pellet Program
8	9 Horse Bowl Meeting	10 YQCA Training	11	12 Leaders Association Board Meeting	13	14 Expressive Arts Festival
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