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

## October 2020

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*...and much more!*

### BRING IT!

It's a new 4H year! And what a beginning. New 4HOnline (it's ready! go check it out!), new plans to celebrate old things, and a new focus. Let's have fun this year. Let's focus on belonging and do team building activities for our clubs and groups. But, always, if you have a passion for something, follow it.

My passions for October are pumpkins and spooky things. So we have new challenges, and a new way to celebrate 4H Week! And I've ALWAYS wanted to do a murder mystery game, so let's do it! I think as we get through this new year with new possibilities, we'll include our standard traditions with twist.

Hold onto your hats, this year will be one for the record books!

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## Pumpkin Carving Contest

**Dates:** Drop off – Oct 14; Pick up – Oct 23

Our 4-H Ambassadors are challenging 4H kids this October to a pumpkin carving contest. Prizes will be awarded based on age category and people's choice. La Crosse County personnel will have the chance to vote on the pumpkins and so will residents of Lakeview and Hillview nursing homes as they make their way through the county. To have your pumpkin part of the contest – please drop it off at the Extension Office (212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse) by 4:30pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Pumpkins will be exhibited through October 22nd, you can pick up your pumpkin Oct 23, from the office 8am-4:30pm. Any pumpkins not picked up will be discarded at the end of that day. This is a great way to challenge yourself and your siblings!



## New Virtual 4H Club

In an effort to meet more youth's needs, a new club is forming to meet virtually from here on out! If this is something your family might be interested in, please join us! At the first meeting, we'll talk about what this new club will look like, when and how often we'll meet, and what members will do! This club will be available as a traditional club, we just won't meet in the same ways as the traditional clubs do. Still, you will have expectations to determine membership. If you want to help deciding those, please come to the meeting.

**First meeting:** Sunday, October 25, 2020;  
7:30p.m.

**Zoom Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/y4wana7z>

## Club Medallion Hunt

**Dates:** Friday, October 2nd – Saturday, October 10th

**Website:** <https://counties.extension.wisc.edu/lacrosse/4-h-youth-development/medallion-hunt-2020/>

As a way to celebrate national 4-H week (Oct. 4-10), we are hosting our first annual Club Medallion hunt. Each participating club has carefully selected something that represents 4H and their club the best and they've given us 5 clues to find it. Once found, you might take a picture or sign your find. Families that find all the possible medallions will be awarded prizes upon completion! The hunt begins October 2 and ends Saturday, October 10th. GOOD LUCK!



## Murder Mystery Evening

Join us for spooky evening of clues, intrigue and challenging puzzles. Sign up to be an actor/actress, or just join to test your acumen. This event will be online. Please RSVP and you will be sent an official invitation.

**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Online - RSVP here:** <https://forms.gle/3g81suv4ZbyzXcTF7>



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## Programming Guidelines Going Forward

There are a few updates to the programming guidelines. Small group programming is still ideal at group sizes of 10, ideally outside, but inside is permissible under short time frames. Please read all the information below and if you plan on holding a gathering please shoot me an email at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) so I can ensure you have everything you need to keep things safe. Here are some new guidelines and FAQ's related to COVID-19.

### New 4-H COVID-19 Related FAQs posted

#### 12. How does a 4-H Club or 4-H Group conduct elections if they can't meet face to face?

4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups should follow their bylaws regarding elections. Voting could take place using an online platform, email, electronic survey or mail in balloting provided that the bylaws allow for that flexibility. If the bylaws do not provide that flexibility, it is accepted practice that officer terms can be extended until an election can be conducted.

#### 13. What if we can't meet as a 4-H Club or a 4-H Group?

4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups should continue to explore virtual or face to face meeting options, however, we realize that meeting virtually or face to face may not be feasible for all 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups. For this reason, it is acceptable for 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups to postpone regular meetings until March 31st, 2021 when this timeline will be reassessed. Flexibility should be considered in individual meeting requirements to allow youth to maintain their membership standing.

#### 14. Should I re-enroll in 4-H if my club is not meeting?

Yes! Wisconsin 4-H is continuing to offer programming at the club county and state level. Youth are encouraged to enroll/re enroll in 4-H as there will be programming options that will be available to Wisconsin 4-H members. The 4-H movement has thrived for over a century and we will get through this together. We are stronger together!!

#### 15. Our club/group has dues, can we suspend or reduce 4-H dues for 2020-21?

If it is financially feasible, 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups may consider suspending or reducing membership dues for the 2020-21 4-H program year.

#### 16. What if our 4-H Club or 4-H Group has excess funds because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

For the 2020-21 fiscal year, the Division of Extension and Wisconsin 4-H is suspending the Excess Funds policy for all 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups. We realize that developing a plan to spend down excess funds during this pandemic is not practical. Once Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups can resume more normal operations, the suspension of this policy will be lifted.

### Simplified Approval Process for 4-H Programs

**For In Person Programming only with Adults** – A Program Approval Checklist still needs to be submitted in SharePoint prior to the event. No approvals are required, but complete documentation and submittal of the form is critical.

**For In Person Programming that includes Youth** – A Program Approval Checklist requires approval before the event by your supervisor/Area Extension Director. We are moving to a one-step approval process. Program and Institute staff are still resources for questions. Checklists will be uploaded to our current SharePoint flow process for approval. Educators will continue to upload the program contact log for youth programs after the event.

Both of these changes rely on Educators understanding our current policy and guidance around programming. Educators will be responsible for ensuring compliance for programming they are leading and that are volunteer led. Current program guidance continues to be posted on our SharePoint COVID-19 site under "Return to Workplace".

## Conservation Challenge 10K!

Upham Woods has created a Conservation Challenge to give back to the land that is so often taken for granted. We aim to put 10,000 hours of conservation service into our lands by the year 2020. We will accomplish this goal through our many conservation program opportunities for both campers and community members. The goal of the challenge is to restore our land while simultaneously giving people the skills and knowledge of land management. These land management principles can then be easily applied to their own communities. Some of these projects include trail building, invasive species management, oak forest restoration, and biodiversity monitoring. Examples of such projects can be seen on our story map.

To get involved in the Conservation Challenge email our Conservation Program Coordinator, Caroline Zimmerman, at [czimmerman6@wisc.edu](mailto:czimmerman6@wisc.edu) or call (608) 254-6461.

For upcoming events, please see our Conservation Community Events page or our calendar.

Running Total (since the beginning of August 2019): 2,140 hours

# leadership >>>

## Leaders Board Meeting

**When:** Thursday, Oct 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** La Crosse Interstate Fair Grounds  
N4985 Co. Road M  
West Salem, WI 54669

We are meeting to discuss fall programming, as well as, nominate people for the following positions for the 2021 year:

- Vice President (3 year term)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Bangor Representative (2 year term)
- La Crosse/Onalaska Representative (2 year term)
- At-Large Representative (2 year term)

If you or someone you know would be a good fit for these positions, or if you would like more information on the duties these positions hold, please reach out to Emily Crook at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) let anyone on the board or in the office know.

## Ambassador and Youth Leader Meeting and Update

**When:** Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Bluffview Park (2800 Jackson Street, La Crosse)

It will be dark. And spooky. Bring glow sticks and other glowing things. We want to see each other and other youth leaders, all appropriately spaced out, following guidelines. If anyone feels ill or has COVID symptoms, they need to stay home. We will be discussing team building opportunities for the rest of the year. Ambassadors we will be discussing ways to represent 4H.



# odds and ends >>>

## National 4-H Week!

Mark your calendars NOW and plan on joining us as we “celebrate” National 4-H Week!

All WI 4-H youth and adult leaders are invited and encouraged to join us via Zoom on Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. to reflect on our 2019-2020 4-H Year and look ahead to 2020-2021!! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2nsrofh> WI 4-H Staff will be sharing information about the 4-H Movement, our WI 4-H Project Tip Sheets and more.

We acknowledge it has been a challenging year. Let’s come together to celebrate what we have learned and done and to look forward to opportunities and possibilities in the upcoming year!!

## Achievement Celebration

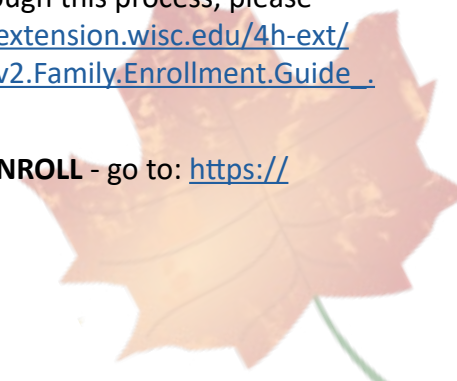
Due to the pandemic, we are taking our celebration on the road – that’s right. Emily and a select few board members from the Leader’s Association will hit the road this October and surprise award winners at their doorstep with as much obnoxious fanfare as able. Parents – Emily will reach out to you to make arrangements to ensure your youth is home. Or if you feel our presence is too mortifying we can make other arrangements.

Disc awards and standard club awards will be mailed, but maybe you’re eligible for a visit? Who knows!

## 4hOnline 2.0 Update

**4HONLINE IS READY** as of Oct 1! The good news is that the old link will bring you directly there as of October 1, 2020. The somewhat inconvenient news is that you will need to select all the projects your youth is interested in. They do not roll over THIS year, but they will in following years. Everything else should still be there, but be sure to review it as you re-enroll. For help to walk you through this process, please visit this site: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf>

**TO ENROLL AND RE-ENROLL** - go to: <https://wi.4honline.com/>



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## Pumphouse Show

The show ends October 15, 2020 and we will have items available for pick up Oct 16 – 30th. Anything not picked up will be hung on a wall in our office with our eternal admiration. Pick up is available 8:00 am-4:30 pm M-F at the Extension Office at 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse.

# halloween fun >>>

## Costumes with Masks:

Turn your face mask into part of your costume! Some costumes you would normally wear a face mask with are:

- Knight
- Dinosaur
- Cartoon Character
- Cat, Dog, or other Animal
- Ninja
- Doctor/Nurse
- Mermaid



You can also purchase or make your own mask that includes the bottom half of the face for any character you want your costume to be!

## Neighborhood Halloween Parade:

- Halloween is an interactive holiday and much better celebrated with other children, neighbors and friends.
- Since the goal is to social distance. A Halloween Parade is a way to still get dressed up, pass out candy, and trick-or-treat, all while maintaining a safe distance from others.

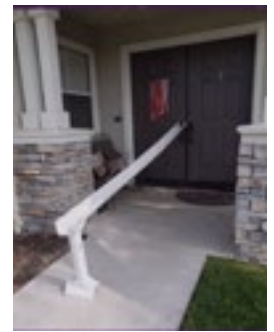
## Halloween Candy Slide

Reach your trick or treaters by installing a candy slide where you put the candy in one side, and it slides a safe distance away for delivery.



## Glow In The Dark Halloween hunt

Place your treats in glow in the dark goodie bags, and hide them around your house or yard! Use glow bracelets to track your family when you start the search just after dark.



## Trick-Or-Treat Driveway Table

Ditch the traditional communal Halloween candy bowl and have adults set up decorated tables or booths in their front yards where they can hand out individual bags or cups of candy.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Virtual 4H Meeting	2	3
4	5 National 4H Week	6 National 4H Week	7 National 4H Week	8 National 4H Week  Virtual 4H Meeting	9 National 4H Week	10 National 4H Week
11	12	13	14	15 Pump House Exhibit Closes  Virtual 4H Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Virtual 4H Meeting	23	24
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