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

August 2021

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*...and much more!*

## Hey Everyone -

I think fair this year was so much fun! A big thank you to Marla and Carlie, all those fair volunteers, superintendents, cleaners, stall maintenance workers, and families for another successful year. This year we had so many families reach out and show interest in joining 4-H, and some new families reach out with more ideas on how to improve communication. Thank you to these families for your ideas and for reaching out - I love new ideas.

And so - I'm implementing a new family section in the Cloverline, along with a series of monthly emails to new families to help acquaint them to the 4-H world and set their 4-H year up for success. This will start with the September issue when our re-enrollment kicks off and the new 4-H year starts. Hopefully this will help new families feel more welcome to our fantastic program.

Get ready 4-Hers - a new year is starting!

Emily Crook  
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## events >>>

### Pumphouse Exhibit

The annual 4-H Art Exhibit will be on display at the Pump House Regional Arts Center (119 King St, La Crosse) from **Wednesday, September 15th until Saturday, October 16th**. Selected exhibits were picked at the 2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair in July in specific departments by Superintendents. All selected exhibits should have received a purple Pump House entry ticket.

An artist's reception is scheduled for exhibitors and their families for **Tuesday, September 21st from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** This event is a chance to enjoy light refreshments as you gaze at all the beautiful art our youth have accomplished.

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 with your completed ticket, **by 4:30 p.m on Thursday, September 9, 2021**. 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!

### Statewide 4-H Events

Normally, I would be posting all the details of Arts Camp usually held for youth in grades 6-8 in October, or Citizen Washington Focus, held for teens in 10th-12th grades in November. But everything is still a bit chaotic with staff movement in these offices and pandemic guidelines affecting the ability to make reservations. Arts Camp is scheduled to resume in October of 2022. The Citizen Washington Focus event will be held virtually in 2021, and invitations should have been sent via 4HOnline, but this all depends on when you registered of course.

To stay current with the offerings of these amazing programs, please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>. And if you plan on attending any statewide event this year, please fill out the Membership Evaluation form and submit it to the office, so that your Leader Association scholarships for these events can be as smooth as possible.

## animal sciences >>>

### 2021 State Dog Shows

The State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show, hosted by Monroe County, will take place on Friday, August 20th - Sunday, August 22nd at the Tomah Recreation Park (1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI).

The State 4-H Dog Agility Show, hosted by La Crosse County, will take place on Saturday, August 14th, at Canine Sports Zone (3036 Laura Ln, Middleton, WI 53562). Registration and more details on both of these Shows are online at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/dogs-project/>.

### State Horse Events

State 4-H Horse Gymkhana is set for Saturday, September 11th-12th at 7:00 a.m. and the State 4-H Horse Expo is set for the following weekend on Friday, September 17th-19th. Both events will take place at the 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.

### County Champ Show

This year's La Crosse County 4-H Champ Show will be held Saturday, August 28th at the La Crosse Interstate Fair Grounds. An invitation went out through 4HOnline for those in the Horse Project. For questions or more information, please reach out to Jessica Ahnen at [jessicaahnen@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaahnen@gmail.com).

### La Crosse 4-H Blue Ribbon Bunnies

Anybody that is in 4-H can join that has a bunny whether a pet or standard breed come learn about how to do showmanship and also about up coming projects that the group will be doing in the future, find the facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/191508312950069>.

Please reach out to Dawn Pettit at [jesus\\_1\\_us2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jesus_1_us2001@yahoo.com) or 608-391-1909 about what time and day to meet in September for our first meeting which will be at the 4-H extension office, date to follow.

# Financial Report and Charter

The state 4-H program has updated the Charter and Financial reporting process for 2020-2021 year. Since our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30th, it would be a good time NOW to pull all your account information and fill out the Financial Report. All 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must annually complete and submit the following documents to the 4-H Program Educator by **September 1**:

- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report
- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Audit Checklist
- A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 – June 30
- A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
- A current inventory of land, buildings, property or project equipment with individual values of \$1,000 or greater.
- Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.
- This process allows the 4-H Club or Group to qualify for federal tax exempt status under the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents General Exemption Number (GEN) for Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups.

**Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status and forfeiture of all financial assets.**

You can find all of these documents and additional resources, here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>.

For any information from last year's Charter/Financial Report, please contact Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) or 608-785-9593.

## 2021 Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest

Did you know every year we have a handful of clubs that participate in this project. It's a great way to have your club bond and develop something new and tasty. 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 no later than November 12, 2021. For contest entries and information, please visit here: <https://cedarcresticecream.com/2021-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/>.





## 2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair

### Results

A few superintendents wanted to celebrate these outstanding youth! Any additional superintendents wanting to submit results, please send them to us by August 20th for the September Cloverline.

### Rabbit Project Awards

Champion Buck- Alexis Vidden- Smith Valley 4H  
Reserve Champion Buck- Jayda Leis- Salem Seekers  
Champion Doe-Alexis Vidden- Smith Valley 4H  
Reserve Champion Doe- Jayda Leis- Salem Seekers  
Champion Pet-Brynn Loging-Barre Badgers  
Reserve Pet- Caleb Caspersen- Rockland Fish Creek  
Best Trick Rabbit- Carol Hopkins- Lucky Lakers  
Costume Winner-Emily Woodworth- Burr Oak  
Beginner Showmanship- Jayda Leis- Salem Seekers  
Intermediate Showmanship- Seth Howard- 4H Solo  
Champion Participation- Logan Sackmaster- Bangor  
FFA

### Junior Fair Poultry Awards

#### Exhibition

Champion Exhibition- Olive Ingram- Orpington C-  
St. Joes Ridge Runners  
Reserve Exhibition- Winston Roe- Wyandotte K-  
Lucky Lakers

#### Production

Champion Production- Anna Jansson- Large Brown  
Eggs- 4H Graduate  
Reserve Production- Hannah Johnson- Large Brown  
Eggs- Mississippi Mud

#### Coloring Contest

K-2 Champion Nolan Foley  
3-5 Champion Nicholas Ganther

#### Rooster Crowing Contest

Kalli Giraud with Rooster "David Ranchero"

## odds & ends >>>

### Record Books

Record Books for the 2020-2021 4-H year are due to the Extension Office **by 4:30 p.m. on Thurs. September 9th**. The record book is a collection of reflections on the work youth have completed in their project(s) over the year. You can choose to include one, all or just a few projects to focus on in your book. The maximum number of projects awarded will be 6 per youth, but you are welcome to submit more in your book. Your record book can take the form of a scrapbook, a binder, a notebook or other presentation. For more information about the materials and rubric needed for your record book please go to this site: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>. Please let us know if you have any questions at [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org).

## save the date >>>

### Achievement Celebration

Save the date! The 2021 Annual Achievement Celebration will take place on **Thursday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lunda Center (319 7th St N) on Western Technical College's Campus. A free pre-celebration boxed dinner, hosted by the La Crosse County 4-H Leader's Association 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. The I Dare You, Servais Communication and State Key Awards will be presented, Senior 4-H Scholarships will be awarded. Families are encouraged to attend, but an RSVP is required! To RSVP, please contact the Extension Office at 608-785-9593 or email [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) with the total number planning on attendance and any food allergies. RSVP DEADLINE IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 8, 2021.

# leadership >>>

## Annual Leader Training

Every chartered club is required to have one volunteer representative of the club take an annual training. This year, these trainings were all online and they are now ready for view if you missed the live version. If your club or project wasn't represented at a training in December (attendance was recorded), then you need to follow up with these videos. Just pick one from here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/> There are three to pick from. Once you finish the videos there is a form I need you to submit: <https://forms.gle/QWJ5DMB3usWkwFSA6>

You don't have to be a leader to take this course - if you just want to learn more about 4H please check it out!

## Calling Club/Project Leaders

La Crosse County 4-H is piloting a resource for club and project leaders. These are titled "New Club Kits" but we would like to have leaders of all experience levels try them out. I need a new leader (someone who has less than 5 years of experience in their current position); a mid-range leader (someone with 5-10 years of experience in their current position); and an experienced leader (someone with 10+ years of experience in their position) to try out these kits for the 2021-2022 4-H year. These kits include a tote with family newsletters, county information, flags, posters, and all sorts of things to get your club off to a good start. Great for a new club, or a club that just needs some reorganization.

If you are interested in giving this a go, please reach out to Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu). First come, first served, and I'm just taking one leader from each category!

## Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, August 12, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem.

*There will be an open forum at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.*

At this time the Leaders' Board is looking for volunteers interested in serving as a representative on the Board for a 2-year term. This is a great way for new families to get acquainted with the county 4-H program. If anyone is interested, please reach out to [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org).

# Fall Forum

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 6, 2021

**COST:** \$50/person\*

\*Leader's Association Scholarships available

**WHERE:** Green Lake Conference Center  
Green Lake, WI

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. It is planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff. Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. This year at Fall Forum, a select group of 4-H volunteers, pioneers, financial supporters, and staff who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state and national levels will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place during dinner Saturday night.

### The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Provide an opportunity for youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluation of statewide programs
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups

### Who is invited?

- Youth 7th – 13th grade
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

This is an excellent way for youth leaders to get inspired by other counties and help lead our La Crosse County 4-H programming. **Registration will open in September. Consider attending - let's give La Crosse County a presence at this statewide event!**

# youth leadership >>>

## Ambassador Program Application Time

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. Ambassadors participate in a wide variety of duties throughout the year, such as:

Assisting at festivals by presenting awards, ushering, and emceeing

- Working at the county fair
- Talking with community groups about 4-H
- Visiting clubs to promote upcoming events
- Providing leadership to younger 4-H youth at county-wide events
- Participating in parades and County festivities
- Completing TV and/or Radio spots

The next Ambassador term will begin in October and go through the end of August. Very few formal meetings are held as time is put in on event days. If you have additional questions about being an Ambassador, please contact the Extension office.

Interested in becoming an Ambassador for the 2021-2022 4-H year? All youth going into grades 9 and up are invited to apply! Applications are due to the Extension La Crosse County office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 1st and can be found here on our website here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/youth-leadership/>.

Current Ambassadors who wish to continue for the next year should submit their intent to continue in writing to [LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org) by October 1st.

## ME Form Deadline

Anyone looking to receive Leaders Association trip scholarships for the 2021-2022 year should have an ME (Membership Evaluation) form on file with the 4-H office. This form has all of the potential trips listed for selection, rendering multiple scholarship applications unnecessary. Please submit your form to the La Crosse County Extension Office at 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601, or submit it [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) by **4:30 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2021**.

At this time, I'm unaware if trips will continue as in person opportunities for the 2021-2022 year, but it's still a good idea to submit the form so we have it on file.

## Ambassador/Youth Leader Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 22nd

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Atrium of La Crosse County Administrative Building (212 6th St N, La Crosse)

This is our final meeting for the 2020-2021 year, time for all those Youth Leaders (any youth interested in service learning in grades 7+) and Ambassadors (youth in grades 9+ interested in representing 4-H through service and public events), to elect their leaders for the 2021-2022 4-H year. We have one person indicating interest in being President, but also accepting self-nominations for Presidency, Vice-Presidency, Treasurer and Secretary. Interested? Have questions? Reach out to Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).

Kimberly Young, representative from the Leader's Association Board, would like to present some ideas for 4-H outreach at this meeting as well.

## enrollment >>>

### 2021-2022 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 4-H year begins in September, which means 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 6th.

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-h-online-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.



# Glimpse into 2022

August signals the successful end to another 4-H enrollment year! As we look ahead to starting the 2021-2022 4-H year, 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! (We will have more to add, but these are already set!)

- January 8th and 22nd - La Crosse Archery Program
- January 24th - Annual Leader/Volunteer Training
- February 5th and 19th - La Crosse Archery Program
- February 12th - Clover College
- March 5th and 19th - La Crosse Archery Program
- March 12th - Expressive Arts Festival
- April 1st and 2nd - La Crosse County Archery Invitational
- July 13th-17th - La Crosse Interstate Fair

## august calendar >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Leaders Board Meeting	13	14 WI 4-H State Agility Dog Show
15	16	17 Outpost Camp	18 Outpost Camp	19	20 2021 State Dog Show	21 2021 State Dog Show
22 2021 State Dog Show  Ambassador/ Youth Leader Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28 La Crosse County Champ Show
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