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

September 2021

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...and much more!

Embrace That Spark

We have mottos, and taglines, personal stories, anecdotes, theories, traditions, legacies, testimonies, research, summaries, and reports to tell us all the wonderful things that 4-H does for us. But I've been struggling to explain the root of it all. WHY. Why is this so great. And this podcast (<https://omny.fm/shows/hidden-brain/cultivating-your-purpose>) actually does.

4-H helps youth and adults understand their identity and how they can contribute to the world. By utilizing the flame of one interest, and fanning it: through building community networks and connection, through individual pursuit of knowledge and mastery, and through sharing that information with the world. We open up a world of discovery for self-promotion, idealization, and purpose.

Having that sense of purpose is critical for anyone to weather the storms of life, be it a pandemic, divorce, medical tragedy, economic hardship. It drives people to like us and root for us, which feeds our self-esteem and confidence. And 4-H is integral to developing that kernel of purpose in each youth.

I highly encourage you to listen to the podcast for your own development, and to help you feel passionate about our program (in case you're in a rut!). And for all the new families joining us - this! This is what I've always wanted you to know but limited myself with my sometimes-spacey communication methods. We are 4-H! Let's build those flames!

Emily Crook
Positive Youth Development Educator
La Crosse County Extension

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.

bits n' pieces >>>

COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 continues to affect Wisconsin, with much of the state facing high or substantial community outbreaks of the Delta variant. 4-H is focused on health while staying the course to provide youth development and educational opportunities. We continue to offer in-person programming without restrictions on group size.

If you live in a county with substantial transmission, please wear face masks indoors to reduce the chances of spreading or catching the virus. We have learned from the science that most outdoor environments do not require masks for anyone, vaccinated or not.

We have new information on our 4-H COVID web page to reinforce 4-H health guidance and link you to trustworthy resources about vaccination. (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/>)



4-H Pancake Breakfast

Date: Sunday, October 10th

Time: 8:00am - 11:00 am

Location: La Crosse Interstate Fair Grounds

Cost: \$6.00/person; \$3.00/youth (age 10 & under)

Both adults and youth volunteers are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Shifts will be from 7:30-10:00 a.m. and 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. To sign up, please contact Linda Saley at 608-486-2931 or Sue Kramer at rskburro69@msn.com.

The 4-H Adult Leaders Association is sponsoring a pancake breakfast to be held in conjunction with the Oktoberfest Races. The Mindoro Lions will again supply their grills and labor in preparation.



animal sciences >>>

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.

Horse Project Drill Team Results

- Door County - **Placed 2nd**
- State Fair Championship Challenge Drill Team Competition - **Grand Champions**

Congratulations!

Horse Project Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Barre Town Hall, Co Hwy M, Barre WI 54669
Election of officers and more discussion on fair book.

Blue Ribbon Bunnies Meeting

For those not able to make the meeting in person or would prefer a virtual option, this meeting will also be on zoom here: <https://tinyurl.com/y94nzsw8>

Date: Friday, September 10, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Extension Office (212 6th St N, Room 2200 - look for the signs!)

Please let Dawn (**608-397-1909**) or Emily (**608-785-9593**) know if you have any questions or would like to attend but can't make the meeting (it helps to know interest!) Even if you cannot make this meeting, we'll include you in on future meeting dates.

Youth Livestock Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 1st
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: The Log Cabin, N4697 WI-162, Bangor, WI

This meeting is for fair livestock exhibitors and the parents of exhibitors. Any questions? Reach out to La Crosse Youth Livestock at lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com.

THANK
YOU

Thank you to the 4-H clubs and individuals who helped so much at 4-H food stand this fair. Due to your generosity we were able to keep both sides of the booth open, which was a happy surprise. We know membership was down, a pandemic is going on, and many things are up in the air, but it is wonderful to see so much from the community. With everyone's help, the Leader's Association was able to raise \$17,000 for the year's programs and scholarships. With so many changes this year, were there things you liked? Things you didn't? If you'd like to suggest changes or voice concerns, please reach out to Sue Kramer at rskburro69@msn.com or 608-857-3370 or Linda Saley at 608-486-2931.

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!**

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.



Fair Premium Checks

Thank you to all who participated in the 2021 La Crosse Interstate Fair! We would also like to thank those that provided volunteer support during judging events - this was truly appreciated.

Premium Fair Checks are ready and will be distributed to your club leader to hand out at your next club meeting! Note: Premiums were paid based on clerking results in the judging books. If you have corrections, please contact Marla Stello at lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com by Friday, September 24th with the name, exhibitor number, department, class, item and entry description as well as details of the correction. We look forward to your participation in next year's Fair from July 20th-24th, 2022!

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!

VIP Training

Date: Monday, October 25th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Online through zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/3kcb46a6> (click here to register)

Are you still needing a VIP training? Or interested in volunteering for 4-H?

The VIP (Volunteer in Preparation) training is a requirement for any volunteer in Extension opportunities (4-H being the biggest!)

Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Emily at emily.crook@wisc.edu.



Honor Leader Nominations

The nominations for La Crosse County 4-H 2021 Honor Leaders are due to Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7th. Honor awards will be selected from nominations received from 4-H members, leaders and parents. Awards will be distributed at the 4-H Leaders and Parents Holiday Party & Recognition Night in December. Please submit as much of the following information as you can:

- Your name and club affiliation
- Nominee's name and club
- Number of years of nominee's leadership (best estimate is fine)
- Description of how nominee has contributed to the 4-H program

Please send your nominations in writing to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or La Crosse County 4-H, 212 6th St N Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. Meeting

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.

The 4-H Leaders Board will be holding elections this year for the following positions: Vice President, possibly Ag Society Representative, Holmen-Mindoro Representative, West Salem Representative, and possibly an At-Large Representative. All 4-H adult volunteers and older 4-H youth are eligible to serve! Voting for positions will take place at the November meeting by ballot and terms will begin in January of 2022. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in serving or need position descriptions!

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 20th - 24th - La Crosse Interstate Fair



State Fair Placings

The following 3 youth from La Crosse County competed at the invite only 4-H Champions Challenge at the Wisconsin State Fair. Maclaine was invited to compete in hunter over fences, speed events and trail, Emma in trail, and Aly in stockseat/pleasure. Here are their placings:



Aly Cvitoka

- Stock seat: 4th place
- Western Pleasure: 3rd
- Team: Grand champions

Maclaine Heilman

- Hunter over Fences: 2nd place
- Equitation over Fences: 1st place
- Choose your fence: 1st place
- Hunter team: Grand champion
- Trail: 1st place
- Choose your obstacle/trail: 2nd place
- Bribe your horse: 2nd place
- Team: Grand champion

Emma Lubinsky

- Trail: 3rd place
- Choose your obstacle/trail: 3rd place
- Bribe your horse: 1st place
- Team: grand champion

2021 4-H STEM Challenge

Designed by Clemson University, the 2021 4-H STEM Challenge, Galactic Quest, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of space exploration.

Galactic Quest explores the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles humans encounter in orbit. Activities explore important STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture. Kids learn foundational STEM skills while they wrestle with the same questions as today's top aerospace scientists and engineers! Activities can be done all at once or individually, making it great for classrooms, afterschool programs, clubs, parents and more.



Astro Adventure

- This unplugged board game promotes teamwork as kids gather the resources needed to live and work in deep space.

Stellar Optics

- In this offline activity, kids build a telescope and learn about physics and light and how telescopes have been used to explore space.

Cosmic Claw

- Kids work hands-on to engineer a mechanical arm that works to harvest crops in space.

Cyber Satellite

- In this computer science activity, kids learn about cyber security and decoding to stay safe from obstacles in orbit.

Below are a few ways to ensure young people everywhere can participate in the 2021 STEM Challenge:

- Educator Kit: Includes material for 12 youth to participate in the offline activities at the same time. Kits can be used in spaces where physical distancing can be followed. The Extension Office will purchase kits for any club wanting to participate, just notify Emily at emily.crook@wisc.edu.
- Family Sized Kit: Includes materials for 1-4 youth to participate in the offline activities at the same time from inside the home.

Receive a discount on each Galactic Quest kit (\$5 off Educator kit, \$3 off Family kit) thanks to the generous support of our 2021 signature partner, the United States Space

Note: Kits will ship on or before September 7th due to global production delays from COVID-19.

For more information, or to purchase a kit for your family, please visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-stem-challenge/>

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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/>.



2021-2022 enrollment >>>

Overview

The 4-H year runs from September to August; therefore, it is required that all 4-H families re-enroll in 4HOnline every fall in order to continue as 4-H members. There are several steps to completing this process as outlined below. However, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension La Crosse County office at 608-785-9593 or LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org if you need any help or have questions.

New families and volunteers can enroll anytime in the year, but must enroll before the April 1st deadline in order to participate in competitive events (such as Fair) for the year.



Enrollment begins:
September 1st, 2021

Project deadline:
April 1st, 2022



Step 1: Find a Club

All 4-H members must belong to a 4-H club, but the Extension office has no requirements as to the level of club participation. However, each club operates under their own bylaws and rules, which can vary from club to club.

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: Chances are, you already found a club that you fit into very well! But, there are no rules saying you can't change clubs at any time. If you would like to change clubs, re-enrollment is the perfect time to do so.

NEW 4-H'ERS: You're probably wondering "How do I pick a club when there are so many?" Many families pick a club that is close to where they live or where youth go to school, but it is all about finding a club that is a good fit for your family. We recommend that you try contacting a couple different clubs to get a feel for what they are about before committing to one. For club leader information, please contact our office.

4-H Club Locations Map



Step 2: Pick Your Projects

Projects do NOT have to be finalized at this point. You are free to add and edit projects up until the April 1st deadline. There are a few key rules below to keep in mind as you pick your projects.

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: If you tend to just keep the same projects year after year, be sure to check your list thoroughly this year as options have changed and some projects might be missing.

NEW 4-H'ERS: We recommend you stick with 1-3 projects to really focus on your first year and get the feel of 4-H without stretching yourself too thin. But feel free to sign up for as many projects as you want! There is no minimum or maximum limit to the number of projects you can enroll in.

Project changes are
happening this year!
Be sure to view the
Project Enrollment Guide
Carefully!



project pickin' rules

- Projects and Project Literature (see page 8) can only be chosen from the online **2021-2022 PROJECT ENROLLMENT GUIDE** at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>. Read the descriptions carefully to find out what each project is about and what you will learn.
- A few projects have different “**LEVELS**” (e.g. Woodworking 1, Woodworking 2, Woodworking 3, etc.). These levels are a way to divide a project up by grade level, so just sign up for the level associated with your current grade in school.
- Youth cannot be enrolled in **HORSE** and **HORSELESS HORSE** Project at the same time. You should sign up for Horse if you have or are borrowing an animal and Horseless Horse if you do not have a physical horse but are still planning to learn about them and be involved in the Horse Project.
- Youth in grades K-2 can only enroll in the **CLOVERBUD** Project, which is a project focused on exploration of 4-H and the different areas of interest it offers. It is tailored for younger-aged 4-H members.
- The **EXPLORING** Project is only offered for youth in grades 3-4; however, youth are NOT required to be an Explorer. This project is merely a stepping stone for youth that need a little extra time between being a Cloverbud and entering in traditional projects with older youth.
- For youth that wish to exhibit in the **LA CROSSE INTERSTATE FAIR** in July, you must be signed up for the project(s) you wish to exhibit. (For example, if youth wanted to show a flower display at Fair, they must be signed up for the Flowers Project in 4HOnline.) **These project selections for Fair must be finalized by Friday, April 1st, 2022.** There are no exceptions. If a youth does not have a project in their 4HOnline profile by April 1st, they will be unable to show those items at Fair. Therefore, it is in your best interest to sign up for anything you think you may want to exhibit at Fair, even if you are not decided.
- For youth that wish to exhibit their projects at the **WISCONSIN STATE FAIR** in August, their project selections must be finalized in 4HOnline by **Tuesday, March 1st, 2022.** This is a State Fair rule and there will be no exceptions. Therefore, it is in your best interest to sign up for anything you think you may want to exhibit at State Fair by this date, even if you are not decided at this point.

Step 3: Enroll in 4H Online

4HOnline is an online database system that the State of Wisconsin uses to track all 4-H families in our county. It is important that you keep your information up to date each year when you re-enroll. If you have any problems using 4HOnline, please reach out to us!

If you do not have computer access to complete your enrollment, paper forms are available in English and Spanish from the Extension office. Contact us and we'll be happy to mail you the form!

CURRENT 4-H'ERS: The step by step guide on how to re-enroll can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>. It is important that you do not create a new profile - your family information rolls over from year to year.

NEW 4-H'ERS: The step by step guide with screenshots on how to enroll for the first time can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>.



Step 4: Pay Club Dues

Club dues of a minimum of **\$3.00** per youth must be paid to your club leader each year to be considered a "member in good standing." If you do not pay your dues by your club's established deadline, there could be consequences - including not being able to show at Fair! These club dues cover important health and liability insurances for youth over the course of the year.

If your family is experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay your club dues for any reason, please reach out to your club leader or the Extension office. The 4-H Leaders Board may be able to help you with a scholarship! Money should not be any reason a child does not participate in La Crosse County 4-H.

CURRENT & NEW 4-H'ERS: Please pay your dues to your club leader as soon as possible. Contact your club leader for payment method details as each club has their own procedures for collecting these dues. Be aware that a few clubs collect a little more than \$3.00 to cover the cost of club expenses throughout the year, so be sure to double check with your leader!

Ready to Enroll?



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Step 5: Order Project Literature

Project Literature is a completely optional resource provided by the 4-H Leaders Board. Essentially, each Project has a series of state-certified curriculum workbooks or reading material to help guide youth through their project work over the course of the year.

All enrolled youth are eligible for 5 free pieces of Project Literature each year! Any additional pieces of literature may be purchased for a small fee. To find out what titles are available for each project, turn to the 2019-2020 Project Guide (<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/>) and then place your order!

CURRENT & NEW 4-H'ERS: It is important that you do NOT order literature through your 4HOnline profile during enrollment. This feature is not compatible with La Crosse County. Once you have selected the titles you want, visit <https://forms.gle/fYmgnpuue6XCNHX2A> and fill out the short online form. The Extension office will call you when your books are ready to pick up!

Ordering Project Literature in 4HOnline DOESN'T WORK!

to order, fill out the google form here: <https://forms.gle/fYmgnpuue6XCNHX2A>

Adult Volunteers

Parents, leaders and young adults - we need your help to continue the rich tradition of La Crosse County 4-H Youth Development! 4-H couldn't happen without your time, effort and talents. If you would like to become a certified 4-H volunteer, we'd love to have you! Just follow the steps below:

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS:

- Re-enroll in 4HOnline. Instructions for returning volunteers are online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Attend the annual "refresher training" offered by the Extension office in January or March. Attendance will be taken at this training!

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

- Attend Volunteer in Preparation (V.I.P.) Training offered by the Extension office. Trainings are offered often during enrollment season, or call our office at 608-785-9593 to set up a one-on-one training time!
- Create your enrollment profile in 4HOnline. Instructions can be found online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Submit to a state conducted background check. An email will come to your inbox about a week after you submit your 4HOnline profile. If you miss the email, please contact our office for a paper form.
- Complete the online Mandated Reporter Training in 4HOnline. Instructions for this training can be found online at <https://lacrosse.uwex.edu/files/2018/03/Mandated-Reporter-Training-Instructions-1.pdf>.

Borrow Resources from the PYD Media Collection

The Positive Youth Development (PYD) Media Collection is a library of educational tools that can be borrowed from anywhere in the state. The collection has a new home and a new checkout system.

Visit the PYD Media Collection website to see what is available. You will find displays, skillathons, learning lab kits, interactive CD ROMs, DVDs, and more. Project materials currently include horse, dairy, livestock, small animal, and some arts. We have kept the most used and current materials. Most outdated materials have been removed.



There is no cost to order materials for Extension-sponsored programs. Non-Extension user groups must pay for outbound and return postage plus a \$10 handling fee.

To learn more about the PYD Media Collection, see lists of materials by project area, and find out how to request materials, visit the website. Contact Monica Lobenstein, Learning Resources Specialist, monica.lobenstein@wisc.edu or 715-896-0377, with questions.

Open vs Junior 4-H Fair Challenge

The La Crosse Interstate Fair holds so many wonderful opportunities for 4-H youth to gain: mastery skills, belonging skills, independence. There is so much educational goodness and I want to share that with adults, too. One of the things we wanted to do for years was hold a friendly competition. Here are some results from families who participated:

*Strassman Family -
Jams*

Oliver - Red
Andrew - Red



*Jones Family -
Photography*

Ali - Blue
Parent Jones - Red

Wise Family - Painting

Kerry - Red
Jillian - White



save the date >>>

Achievement Celebration

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 the WTC Campus in La Crosse. A free, celebratory dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. 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, even if you have family members that are not enrolled in 4-H! This night is meant to celebrate our county's hard work over the last year and to relax in each other's company before plunging into the new 4-H year. An RSVP is required - please contact the Extension Office at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org by Friday, Oct. 15th.

Officer Workshop

Date: Monday, November 29th
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Online - Zoom

In collaboration with educators and youth in Dane County and Kenosha County, we're offering an online officer workshop to get more participation and different experiences and perspective. Meet other club officers around the state and get ideas you can take back to your clubs. Not sure how to fill your role in your club? Get some basic foundational skills! This is for all youth starting in or interested in positions of leadership in their clubs. Registration information coming - but save the date!

charters >>

The state 4-H program has updated the Charter and Financial reporting process for 2020-2021 year. All clubs hoping to be 4-H clubs, must submit an annual charter. The 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, the 4-H Charter Application provides:



- Documentation of educational activities of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee needed for liability coverage for 4-H volunteers and members
- Program impact evaluation and educational planning
- Documentation of compliance by 4-H Clubs and Groups with EEO, ADA guidelines, and Civil Rights laws.
- **Wisconsin 4-H Clubs and Groups Charter Application is to be completed online by October 1st.**

This year all charters will be completed online, if you need a paper copy, please reach out to the extension office. You can find this form 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 or 608-785-9593. I will be sending out last year's charter paperwork to club leaders through the mail during the first week of September.

new family section >>>

Each month we hope to provide some helpful hints, definitions, and to-dos to assist new families in joining in on club and county activities. If you haven't been invited to a club meeting yet, please reach out to our office at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Youth will be asked to stand and wave or share something about themselves.

Prepare your kids to say a sentence about their interests or family. Practice speaking loudly!

Read the email sent from our office and study the pledge – members will recite this at the meeting.

AT THE MEETING

Don't be afraid to ask for another family to mentor your family as you navigate this year.

Ask questions of other members/families:

- What projects do they like?
- What activities do they participate in?
- How long have they been members?

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

New families will be emailed this month with information on the 4-H pledge, what it is and why we use it.

Next month's topic is projects!

New families will also receive a new family handbook which will give more insight into the 4-H Year and how to prepare for your upcoming club meetings.

All clubs are different depending on the needs of the group. Some clubs have a welcoming committee and other clubs do not have the resources for this. Some clubs have many youth in the same projects and some clubs have members of so many different projects! We have around 20 different clubs around the county, and if you aren't feeling comfortable in any specific club, please reach out to us so we can find a good fit.

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Ambassador 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 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 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, September 26th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Room 1107, County Administrative Building
(212 6th St N, La Crosse)

This is our first meeting for the 2021-2022 year, and all Ambassadors and Youth Leaders (any youth in grades 7+ interested in leadership) are invited to attend.

We will look at program opportunities and schedule out for the year what we'd like to do with special emphasis on county-wide programming and 4-H outreach.

Come to give insight, to share your passion, to get to know other youth leaders and to enhance our county 4-H program!

Seeking Dairy Youth Leaders

All dairy youth are invited to participate in the Vernon County Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest on Sunday morning, September 19th, 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Vernon County Fairgrounds in Viroqua. This is a unique opportunity for dairy youth who love leading cattle and who would like to learn more about a collegiate dairy cattle judging contest.

What is the Vernon County Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest? It's where university students across the US participate in a national dairy cattle judging contest. There will be ten classes of cattle in the contest which is expecting around 20 college teams to attend along with 4-H county and state teams practicing for fall contests (these will be ringside and not a part of the contest). If you haven't helped at the contest in the past, no worries. Older youth will lead and show you the way. Youth 12 years of age and older, please.

Leads people will need to wear their white show pants, and a T-shirt will be provided (if it's cooler weather, you can wear a sweatshirt, long-sleeve T-Shirt, etc. underneath the T-Shirt). Following the contest, we will THANK YOU with pizza and beverages, ride tickets and a meal ticket (more food or dessert!) for any of the permanent food stands at the fair (Vernon County 4-H Food Stand, Lion's Club, Viroqua Athletics Booster Club, Cornerstone Christian, Mason's, Farmers Union, etc.)!

Please message Julie Larson, Vernon County Dairy Leader, by text at 608.778.2459 or email julielarson2424@gmail.com with your name, email address, and cell number if you can help by September 5th. Additional details will be sent to you after September 5th.

National 4H Week

National 4-H Week 2021 is October 3rd - October 9th!

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

Extension will send out news releases and facebook posts highlighting all the great things our clubs do.

What will your club do to celebrate?



september calendar >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4-H Financials Due 2021-2021 Enrollment Begins	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Pumphouse Exhibitions Due Record Books Due Leaders Board Meeting	10 Rabbit Project Meeting	11 State Horse Gymkhana
12 State Horse Gymkhana	13	14	15 Pumphouse Exhibit Starts	16	17 State Horse Pleasure	18 State Horse Pleasure
19 State Horse Pleasure	20	21 Pumphouse Exhibit Open House	22	23	24	25
26 Ambassador Meeting	27	28	29	30	1 ME Form Deadline Ambassador Application Deadline	

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