



# Cloverline

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

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## Let's Figure It Out - Together

We've been talking a lot about youth development in our office these days. Just how the society is affecting new generations of people and their choices and what that may potentially bring to our future. The more we discuss about youth and the specific needs each phase and age needs, the more we realize there are some internal truths we all have regardless of where we are in our growing journeys.

We can always learn more and grow throughout our lives, we should always have a sense of purpose (even if that purpose isn't always clear), and we should have a safe place in which to belong. A way 4-H creates safe spaces for youth AND parents to share in their vulnerability is the opportunity to learn something hard together. The article "How Parents and Children can Learn Emotional Skills Together (<https://tinyurl.com/4hemotions>) highlights a program that shows how learning together brings stronger connection. Having youth witness YOUR ability and dedication to learn something difficult can open another level of understanding and even joy.

So don't be afraid to tell your kids or your 4-H kiddos "I don't know" and follow that up with "maybe we should look into that together."

*Emily A Crook*

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## bits n' pieces >>>

### Arrows in the Square/Holmen Archery Program

**When:** Sundays,  
April 10 & 24  
May 1, 15, & 22  
June 5

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Arrows in the Square (N7681 Casberg Coulee Rd., Holmen, WI 54636)- OUTDOORS

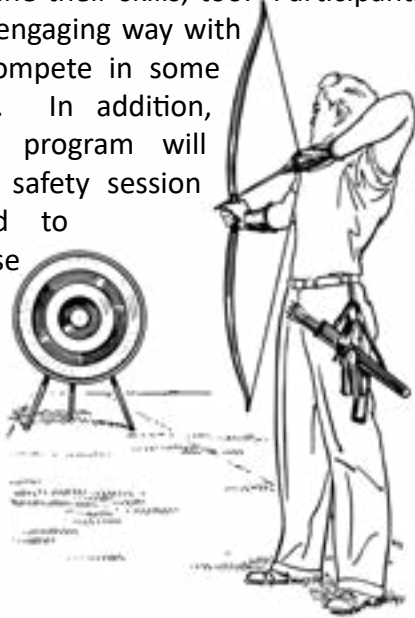
**Who:** Youth in Grades 3+

**Cost:** \$6 for 4-H member, \$10 community member

**Deadline for Registration: March 17, 2022.**

Registration Paperwork here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HArrows>.

These sessions will be outdoors! Youth will learn safety and shooting basics with support from trained program leaders. The experienced archer will also have the opportunity to refine their skills, too. Participants will practice in a fun, engaging way with the opportunity to compete in some friendly competitions. In addition, participation in this program will help youth fulfill the safety session requirements needed to compete in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Archery Tournament. Youth do not need to bring their own equipment for the Holmen Archery Program. All needed equipment is available for use.



## youth leadership >>>

### Ambassador/Youth Leader Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, February 27th, 2022  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Whitetail Ridge Ski Area (8061 South F St, Fort McCoy)

Let's go tubing and have some hot cocoa before we hunker down for our service this year.

### Summer Camp - Camp Counselor Request

Save the Date - We are tentatively planning for Area 13 Summer Camp to be August 14-16, 2022 at Upham Woods (Wisconsin Dells) this summer! What this means is we are gearing up on getting our Camp Counselors ready. If you are in grades 9-13 and want to create some amazing memories for you and kids in grades 3-8, then apply to be a camp counselor! You will join other counselors from Monroe, Vernon, Richland and Crawford Counties. This is a great leadership opportunity.

- Applications are found here: <https://forms.gle/SscCzEBYNJ3Gu24D9>
- Applications due: May 1, 2022.
- Camp Counselor Training (MUST ATTEND): JUNE 14, 2022

Any questions? Reach out to Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) or 608-785-9593.

## odds and ends >>>

### New Eco-Wilderness Group

A new site for the Eco-Wilderness Group is up and running here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/eco-wilderness/> and is linked on the Project Page. On this page you'll find what the group is working on but ALSO some fun activities for any 4-H family. Be sure to check it out to keep your family outdoors and active this winter!

# animal sciences >>>



## La Crosse Youth Livestock Committee Meetings

**Date:** 02/02, 03/02, 04/06, 05/04  
(First Wednesday of the Month)

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Log Cabin  
N4697 WI-162, Bangor WI

For forms, assistance and general information, visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/livestock-project/>. Join them on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/730275387515701> or email [lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com).

## Dog Project Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, February 15th, 2022  
(No December Meeting)

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Barre Town Hall  
W3541 County Rd M, La Crosse WI

## 2022 Dog Training Classes

Save the date! If you are thinking of participating in the Dog Project's annual Showmanship, Obedience or Critter Hunt classes this spring, you must attend the mandatory orientation on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Location TBD.

This meeting will prepare families with necessary information for the dog training classes as well as what is needed for showing at the Fair. All project members are expected to attend. Please leave your dogs at home for this meeting.



## Drill Team

Are you a youth interested in expanding your horsemanship and developing leadership skills? Considering joining the La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team. For more information or any questions/concerns, please contact the coach, Macy Carty at [mcarty.wi@gmail.com](mailto:mcarty.wi@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 20th.



## Horse Project Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 24th, 2022  
(No December Meeting)

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Barre Town Hall  
W3541 County Rd M, La Crosse WI

**Horse bowl is starting up, if anyone is interested contact Lisa Graham (email) or Nancy Wakefield (phone number).**

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|  | <p>For more information or any questions/concerns, please contact the coach, Macy Carty at <a href="mailto:mcarty.wi@gmail.com">mcarty.wi@gmail.com</a> by Sunday, February 20th.</p> |

# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

## Arbor Day Free Tree Seedlings for Fourth Graders

In Wisconsin, the Wisconsin DNR helps celebrate Arbor Day with an environmental education program designed to teach students the importance of trees within our environment. Annually, we provide thousands of free tree seedlings to Wisconsin fourth-grade students for this celebration.

Orders are accepted until March 15th, but those who attend schools whether virtually or in-person, should reach out to their teachers prior to making an order. Visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/treeplanting/arborform> for more information!



## Wild Fridays: Nature & Art Play

**Meets:** Fridays 9:30 AM - Noon  
**Dates:** February 4 & 18  
**Cost:** \$25/week or \$145 for all 6 weeks  
**Locations:** Vary on date but all La Crosse or Onalaska

This outdoor education program offers youth ages 5-11 the chance to combine nature exploration and creative expression. We will explore natural materials, scientific observations and artmaking. This program is held entirely outdoors on the trail, so dress warm with snow pants and winter gear. During the winter months we focus more on large motor skills like building forts and shelters and making land art and creative play. Nature journaling is a core part of the experience and all sketching materials are provided. Bring a warm beverage and a snack. Caregivers are welcome to stay but not required.

For more information or to register visit the site: <https://www.ecoexpressions.org/event-calendar> or email Jan Wellik, EdD, Director of Eco Expressions, at [jan.wellik@gmail.com](mailto:jan.wellik@gmail.com)



## leadership >>>

### Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 10th, 2022

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. (Open Forum) 7:00 p.m. (meeting)

**Location:** Hamilton Town Hall in West Salem (N5105 Leonard N, West Salem WI, 54669)

*Leader Binders, Scholarship Reviews, and more!*

# animal sciences(cont) >>>

## YQCA Training

Anyone planning on auctioning swine, sheep or beef this summer at the La Crosse Interstate Fair (our county fair!) needs to complete the 2022 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. It's a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Every year the course is a little different, but it is solid quality education from some serious organizations. And this year, the La Crosse Youth Livestock Committee is requiring all youth in livestock projects who plan to auction this summer to complete this training. A special note: this is only for youth who plan to participate in the auction. It's not required of any goat exhibits.

- Online training: Costs \$12 and is available right at this very moment.
- In person training: Costs \$3 next date is: **Monday, February 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. at the County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse)**
- Both training versions require pre-payment online ([yqca.org](http://yqca.org)) and the La Crosse 4-H Leader's Association will reimburse \$3/youth when they receive a copy of the completion certificate.

When you complete your training online, YOU need to save a copy of your certification and email it to [lacroseyouthlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:lacroseyouthlivestock@gmail.com) (and if you request reimbursement, please email it to [lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org](mailto:lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org) as well). Any questions? Feel free to reach out to us: 608-785-9593 or either the emails above.



## Goat Project

**Date:** Sunday, February 27th, 2022

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** 515 Quincey St. Onalaska

We encourage all those signed up with the Goat Project to attend. The topic of the meeting will be Meat Goats.



## 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/>)

# la crosse interstate fair>>>

## What is it?

**FAIR 2022: July 20-24th**

Don't forget to double check that the projects you enrolled in under 4HOnline are going to correspond with the departments you hope to exhibit in at the fair. This can be confusing to people, so please don't hesitate to reach out: [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org). You may not be able to change your projects in 4HOnline, but I can! Just send us an email with the list and who it belongs to and we will get it updated. All projects and enrollments need to be finalized by April 1, 2022.



## FAIR HOW-TO

Throughout this year we will hope to have many events to help you understand how to prepare exhibits for fair. Events like Clover College, Expressive Arts, Fur Fin & Feather, and a Foods Workshop will be offered all before the end of May, with feedback and judging opportunities for youth on their exhibits. Foods and Clothing Revues are offered end of June and early July as pre-fair events that youth can earn premiums and fair ribbons at - these events are open to all youth in grades K+. Keep your eyes on the Cloverline for more information!



## FAIR CLERKS NEEDED

What do fair clerks do you ask? They help the judge of each department keep thoughts and exhibits organized. They write down who receives what ribbons, merit awards, and general feedback if necessary. It's a great way for kids to learn more about the fair process, and get some volunteer experience. If youth or adults are considering other positions at the fair like being a superintendent or a judge - this is a great way to start! If interested, email Carlie Scriver at [carlie.scriver@yahoo.com](mailto:carlie.scriver@yahoo.com).



## FAIR SPONSORS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in sponsoring some awards or being a business sponsor of the fair, email Carlie Scriver at [carlie.scriver@gmail.com](mailto:carlie.scriver@gmail.com) before March 1st.

# save the date >>>

## Area 13 4-H Hosts: Fur, Fin, and Feather!

**When:** Saturday, April 30th, 2022

**Where:** Monroe County

For last year's information, visit: <https://monroe.extension.wisc.edu/fur-fin-feather-fun-show/>.

More information coming soon. We needed a heard arena, so Monroe County will host lunch.

MONROE, LA CROSSE, RICHLAND AND VERNON COUNTY 4-H PRESENT:

# FUR, FIN, FEATHER: TEACHING SHOW

BARNEY CENTER, SPARTA -- SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH (DOORS OPEN AT 7 AM)

WHAT: FULL ALL BREED/TYPE POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW, RABBIT AND POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP, RABBIT BREED JUDGING, SMALL PET AND CAT SHOW, PHOTOGRAPHY AND POSTER CONTEST

WHO: CLOVERBUD THROUGH GRADE 13 (SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO CLOVERBUDS)

THE TEACHING SHOW IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH NEW AND EXPERIENCED POULTRY AND RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS TO EXPERIENCE A SHOW, WORK WITH AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM JUDGES, AND LEARN. THE SMALL PET SHOW ALLOWS MEMBERS TO EXHIBIT AND SHARE THEIR SMALL PETS AND CATS WITH OTHERS.

TWO ZOOMS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NEWER EXHIBITORS TO PRACTICE AND PREPARE FOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES AND ASK QUESTIONS. REGISTER FOR THESE ZOOMS ON 4HONLINE: [//v2.4honline.com/](https://v2.4honline.com/)  
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE IN 4-H TO ATTEND THE ZOOMS OR SHOW.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP: FEBRUARY 22 @ 7:00 P.M.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: MARCH 15TH @ 7:00 P.M.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SHOW AND SHOW BILL CAN BE FOUND AT:

ENTRY: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/1EXQOKBdvfE9PADEA](https://forms.gle/1EXQOKBdvfE9PADEA)

SHOW BILL: INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES: [HTTPS://VERNON.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/FILES/2022/01/FUR-FIN-FEATHER-SHOW-BILL.PDF](https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/fur-fin-feather-show-bill.pdf)



# state programs >>>

## Wildlife & Woods Series

Wildlife and Woods is Wisconsin 4-H's statewide natural sciences, wildlife, and forestry virtual event! Outdoor enthusiasts get to connect with other 4-H youth grades 3-13 from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and forests. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Each month focuses on a different habitat, some of its plants and critters. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Sessions will run from 7-8pm on the third Wednesdays of the month thru April. Register today thru 4HOnline!



The graphic features the title 'Wildlife & Woods SERIES' in a mix of green cursive and bold black sans-serif fonts. Below the title, the schedule is listed in yellow text: 'JAN 19 - WONDERFUL WETLANDS', 'FEB 16 - HOT DESERT', 'MAR 16 - CITY WILDLIFE', and 'APR 20 - GREAT LAKES'. At the bottom left, it says 'VIA ZOOM REGISTER IN 4HONLINE'. The right side of the graphic is a circular illustration of a forest scene with a large tree, a deer, and two rabbits. In the bottom left corner, there is a red logo for 'Virtual LEARNING COMMUNITY' and a small Wisconsin Extension logo.

# arts & communication>>>

## Expressive Arts Festival

**Date:** Saturday, March 12th  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
(dependent on number of participants).  
**Location:** Christ-St. Johns Lutheran School,  
500 Park St, West Salem, WI  
**Grades:** K+

Expressive Arts is an opportunity to learn how to incorporate your artistic expression in your performances and exhibits as well as a way to try something new!

All types of performance will be judged by merit and participation this year. Just do your best and try new things! Please note that adjustments have been made to rules and guidelines this year, and of course, if you have any questions, please contact us at 608-785-9593 or [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org). Don't forget to visit the website for up-to-date information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4Hexparts>

There are so many changes this year!

- More theatrical opportunities
- Less restrictions on certain entries
- No demonstrations (those were at Clover College this year)

[Expressive Arts Festival Family/Participant Handbook \(pdf 5 pages\)](https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/Guideline-Handout-2022.pdf) (<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/Guideline-Handout-2022.pdf>)

[Exhibit Rubrics – see what qualities the judges are judging on \(pdf 16 pages\)](https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/All-2022-Expressive-Arts-Rubrics.pdf) (<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/All-2022-Expressive-Arts-Rubrics.pdf>)



# Categories:

## Drama Categories (all group focused)

1. **Published Play:** A 30-minute group production, using a published script. Props and costumes are encouraged.
2. **Original Play:** A 30-minute group production, using an original (un-published or devised) script. Props and costumes are encouraged
3. **Play Reading:** Readers are to make their selection “come alive” without the use of costumes or props. Appropriate gestures and human-produced sound effects (no artificial devices) are allowed. Scripts are to be used. Maximum time limits and groups must consist of 3 or more participants.
4. **Dual-Acting Performance:** A 10-15 minute two-person, memorized production where there is minimal eye or physical contact between performers but will act a script of generally two or more characters. No props or costumes allowed.
5. **Entertaining Performance:** Produced with minimal props and costumes that can be performed in any room. Examples include skits, puppetry, group improvisation or creative dramatics. Maximum time limit is 12 minutes

## Speaking:

1. **Memorized Selection:** Prose, poetry, or any other piece that must be memorized presented by an individual. No notes allowed. Maximum time limit is 5 minutes.
2. **Literary Reading:** Includes prose and poetry pieces presented as a reading by an individual. No props or costumes allowed. Maximum time limit is 5 minutes.
3. **Original Speech:** A speech written by and presented by an individual on any subject, preferably one pertaining to his/her 4-H project work. Notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 5 minutes.
4. **Storytelling:** Original or published narrative, told as if to a younger audience, and presented without notes by an individual. No poetry is allowed. Costumes or props are encouraged, and facial expressions or gestures are allowed. Maximum time limit is 12 minutes, props are allowed.

## Music Categories - NOT limited to groups anymore:

1. **Instrumental:** Performance from any genre using only musical instruments.
2. **Vocal:** Performance from any genre using their voices only. Costumes are permitted, but no props are allowed.
3. **Dance:** Performance choreographed from any genre. Costumes and props are permitted, but the focus should be on movement. Music set to the choreography may only be instrumental.
4. **Novelty:** Performance provides musical, vocal, or movement entertainment by combining a variety of instrumental, vocal, or dance techniques. Examples of a Novelty performance include, but are not limited to lip syncing, variety shows, show choirs, or other musical performances that do not fit in the first three categories above.

## Arts & Crafts, Marketing and Photography Categories

1. Participants submit arts & crafts items for display and judging. Youth are not required to be present for the day, but can simply drop off their exhibits in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon after judging.
2. Please review the Family and Participant Handbook for more detailed information.

## 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](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org).

### VOLUNTEERING

The only way 4-H operates is because we have so many dedicated adults who want to share their time, talents and passions with youth. They want to see the growth and success in their community so they give back as mentors, leaders, guides, chaperones, and consultants.

We have volunteers who manage the money, update policies and handle administrative tasks. Volunteers who provide constructive feedback and those who are just there to keep an environment safe.

### MEETINGS

If you are attending meetings with your youth consider the ways you can contribute too! Because in 4-H we don't just grow kids, we grow adults, too. For every volunteer you see at a meeting there are 3 more behind the scenes making all this happen. Can you provide a presentation or share what you do for a living?

What is a hobby you love that you think no one else knows about? Share it! THAT'S volunteering.

### COUNTY

### COMMUNICATIONS

For those wanting to lead clubs, groups, projects or be chaperones for events, there is an approval process that volunteers undertake to ensure a safe environment for our youth. Beyond that process, we offer annual trainings, and other opportunities like mental health first aid, that are just good professional development for anyone really.

If you have any questions, please email Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).

For more information on 4-H volunteering - visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/> to learn more!



# february calendar >>>

| Sun                            | Mon                 | Tue                       | Wed                          | Thu                         | Fri                              | Sat |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
|                                |                     | 1                         | 2<br>Youth Livestock Meeting | 3                           | 4<br>Wild Fridays: Art & Nature  | 5   |
| 6                              | 7                   | 8                         | 9                            | 10<br>Leaders Board Meeting | 11                               | 12  |
| 13                             | 14                  | 15<br>Dog Project Meeting | 16                           | 17                          | 18<br>Wild Fridays: Art & Nature | 19  |
| 20                             | 21<br>YQCA Training | 22                        | 23                           | 24<br>Horse Project Meeting | 25                               | 26  |
| 27<br>Youth Ambassador Meeting | 28                  |                           |                              |                             |                                  |     |

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