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LA CROSSE COUNTY

# Cloverline

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

## please share your thoughts!

I love being in this position – serving the 4-H community and youth in general in La Crosse County. However, this is not my show. It's not my program. It's yours. And it's time to do a needs assessment.

Many of you have already submitted surveys about how your club is doing, how your 4-H membership is going and what you'd like to see at that level. Thank you so much for participating – we are already receiving some valuable information to help us with future programming and assistance. (And if you haven't had the opportunity for this yet, it's coming!)

Now it's time to evaluate the La Crosse County 4-H program. We keep these surveys as anonymous as possible, because we appreciate honest, genuine feedback. We will only ask for your contact information if you want follow up.

Please help us keep this program yours by filling out this survey: <https://forms.gle/31bFGKvMXPxTEVNo8> or type in this tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HNeeds>. This survey will also be emailed to all families current and active last year near the end of April.

If you prefer a paper copy, one can be provided to you, please inform us and we will mail you one. Thank you for participating! We can't wait to hear from you!

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La Crosse County Extension

## April 2023

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*...and much more!*

# youth leadership >>>

## Citizen Washington Focus Trip 2023

- (Summer trip dates and winter registration dates coming soon!)
- For grades: 10th-12th (minimum age of 15 at time of trip)
- Registration is through 4HOnline
- Cost is approximately \$1,750 - La Crosse Leaders' Association has scholarships to cover up to 75% depending on how many attend
- For this event, the Leaders' Association will interview candidates for scholarship.

The invitation hasn't gone out yet, but it will soon! Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress. Additionally, youth get to see and experience government in action by meeting with their State's members of Congress and watching a House of Representatives meeting. Delegates will also get the opportunity to tour our Nation's Capital and experience the culture that comes with it. After completing the CWF program, they will have stronger knowledge about being an active citizen and our Government. They will also have the opportunity to discover new skills and be exposed to different perspectives and cultures from around the U.S. On top of all this, it gives delegates another opportunity to bond and network with other 4-Hers from Wisconsin and beyond.

For more information please visit the website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/>

## Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday April 30th, 2023
- **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

# updates >>>

## Clothing Revue - NEW DATE!

**When:** Sunday, June 25th

**Time:** 5:00-7:00pm

**Location:** La Crosse County Admin Building - 212 6th Street S, La Crosse WI

## volunteer section >>>

### Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 13th, 2023

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

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

We are still in need of someone to take on the role of Vice President – if you might be interested in this leadership position – please reach out to Emily Crook at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).

# animal sciences>>>

## YQCA

Anyone planning on auctioning swine must complete the 2023 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. **A special note: this is only for youth who plan to participate with swine in the auction.**

Online training: Costs \$12 and is available right at this very moment <https://yqcaprogram.org>. You can take the training or do a test-out for certification. The La Crosse 4-H Leader's Association will reimburse \$3/youth when they receive a 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 of the emails above.



## GET SEEN! - YOUTH EXPO

for Young Artisans and Entrepreneurs of today

Please join us in celebrating and lifting up our bright young stars as they exhibit their art work and present their small businesses plans!

**FREE  
PUBLIC  
EVENT**

**APRIL  
16**

REACH Services and Resource Center  
212 11th Street So.  
La Crosse, WI, 54601  
11:00 am to 2:00pm

**CALLING ALL  
YOUNG ARTISANS  
AND  
ENTREPRENEURS!!**

If you haven't already, use  
this QR link to  
sign up for this event  
by 3/30/23



## Fur, Fin & Feather

The Fur, Fin and Feather Show is open to all youth in grades 3-13. There are some classes available for K-2nd. The show gives our youth an opportunity to show their rabbits, poultry, cats and small pets, with face-to-face judging. They get pointers and learn hands-on about their animal and how to improve when showing at the fair.

In addition to the animals, there will also be a poster and an animal photography show. Join us for educational sessions and a poster exhibition, raffle, and Roger Moeller Small Animal Equipment will be vending. Lunch will be available for purchase.

**Date:** Saturday, April 29th, 2023

**Time:** 10:00am - Noon

**Location:** Barney Center, 1000 E. Montgomery Sparta WI

The Teaching Show is hosted by La Crosse, Monroe, Richland and Vernon County 4-H. Full rules, regulations, and entry forms can be found: <https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-opportunities/>

## Drill Team

Are you interested in growing your horsemanship skills and seeing what Drill Team has to offer? This year, we are hoping to add a new team to perform at the La Crosse County Fair. This is a great opportunity to experience the thrill of drill with a smaller commitment. Contact Macy Carty at [mcarty.wi@gmail.com](mailto:mcarty.wi@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more!

## Horse Project Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, April 19th, 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Bangor First Responders Building

## Introducing the 2023 Summer Academy >>>

Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Madison Extension are excited to announce a new student opportunity: the Summer Academy!

This program is open to any 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held from June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus. Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other students from across Wisconsin.

The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is "Exploring Your WHY," with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are:

- Arts & Communication
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Science
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health)
- Construction & Trades
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

During the event, there will also be fun activities and entertainment from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company, and more!

Registration opens in April, keep an eye on this page: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/> for more information to come! We can't wait to see 4-Hers from all of your counties this June!

## shooting sports >>>

### Shooting Sports Apparel

La Crosse 4-H Shooting Sports worked hard to update their logo this year and have an opportunity for families to purchase merchandise here: <http://www.bbgraphics.net/4hss.html>.

### Holmen Archery Program

**When:** Sundays

April 16th, 23rd, & 30th, 2023

May 7th & 21st, 2023

June 4th, 2023

**Who:** Youth in Grades 3+

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

**Where:** Arrows in the Square (N7681 Caseberg Coulee Rd., Holmen WI 54636 (Outside))

Registration Form here: Holmen Archery Program Registration Form 2023: <https://forms.gle/hCLTHpZw5cy5QdXv6>

**Registration Due Thursday, April 6th by 4:30pm.**

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.

## FORMS SECTION

For the 2022-2023 we have decided to make things as mobile friendly as possible. People don't have printers anymore, it's just inconvenient. There will ALWAYS be paper options, and if you'd like paper copies, please just let us know and we will provide them for you. However, we're going to look at making all forms online, and having them permanently in the Cloverline, so if you need a form, you have it. They will be on our website as well. As forms come to be, we'll start posting them in this section and will focus on events and club forms first.

### Arrows In The Square:

<https://forms.gle/hCLTHpZw5cy5QdXv6>

### Camp Chaperone Application:

<https://forms.gle/dhXcvhDu8iHRAiPKA>

### Camp Counselor Application:

<https://forms.gle/VY5912MoUZCPWd3c8>



# STREAM KIDS



Hosted by Trout Unlimited  
& Vernon County 4-H



Trout Unlimited invites 4-H families with youth aged K to 6th grade, to the West Fork Sports Club on April 22nd to experience the wonderful world of trout! Trout habitat and the ecology of Driftless area streams will be largely focused on with several other exciting activities and techniques. Here you will learn about:

- Macroinvertebrate sampling
- Gyotaku Japanese style fish printing
- Fly tying
- Streamside scavenger hunt



Youth who attend will also be given a free one year youth membership to Trout Unlimited!

Register  
Now!

Attendees will be learning from volunteers of the Coulee Region TU Chapter and college volunteers from Stevens Point, Stout, and Madison!

There is so much to fun to be had and exciting new things to learn for the kids who love to fish! This is a drop in event-come any time!

**APRIL 22, 9AM-12PM**



RSVP by April 14th | Open to K-6th and their families

<https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/Stream-Kids-With-Vernon-County-4h-And-Tu-Costa-5-74258>

**policy section:** I've recently been asked about this policy for clubs. We absolutely understand how more and more businesses are struggling to work with checks as payment and this presents an inconvenience to clubs and projects. For now, please continue to utilize your reimbursement system (leader purchases on credit card, gets reimbursed from club), and know that I'll be pushing for this approval at the state level. Here is the policy right now.

**This month we look at: Debit/Credit Card Policy:** Debit Cards and Credit cards are highly discouraged and limited to 4-H Leader Organizations.

## 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).

## experiential learning

This month we talk a little bit about the theories involved in 4-H education. There are a few of them: Essential Elements, Thriving Model, but what drives a lot of it home is the Experiential Model. 4-H is all about learning and failing, and learning again through experience. As a 4-H family, everyone has a role in this experience. Maybe one kid does the project, and another one asks him about it, and then a parent wonders out loud what could be done differently - THAT'S how we get the whole family involved. And maybe from the conversation we all get really excited to try it again when we get home!

## at the meetings

Sometimes meetings can be absolutely inspiring, and sometimes.. well, we can't all win all the time. On those less than fun meeting days, it's still a good opportunity to play detective and ask how it went, what they liked, didn't like, and what they would do differently. Treat the interests, the meetings, the experiences like science projects and work to see what change you can bring to it, or how to make the situation better. Meetings in general should be applying this Do - Reflect - Apply principle as well, but I do tend to place a lot of responsibility on my volunteers, so I know they are doing the best they can. See if you can spot ways they incorporate this in their programming too!

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

## Area 13 Summer Camp!

**When:** Sunday June 11th - Tuesday June 13th, 2023

**Location:** Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

**Cost:** \$150 for youth. Leader's Association covers half of the cost for 4-H members.

**Who attends:** Youth in grades 3-8 during the 2022-2023 year.

**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CAMP! SIGN UP HERE:** <https://forms.gle/2eJRZoQLTDUTRe7g6>

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2023.** If you need a paper form – please call us at 608-785-9593.

**We still need Camp Counselors (youth in grades 9+) – Apply here:** <https://forms.gle/X3g6ET8JdwMoUMUo7>

**And Chaperones (adults 21 and older) – Apply here:** <https://forms.gle/hXKpRRldmFb4rr5RA>

## la crosse interstate fair section: July 19th - 23rd, 2023



**Required Food Stand Meeting** The food stand is our county-wide fundraiser and it's only open during specific times during the year: Fair and Oktoberfest Races. Youth wanting to receive trip scholarship and educational scholarships should plan on working a shift at the food stand. Clubs will select a block of hours and then ask their families to fill those time slots with as many as can make it. If families cannot make the designated time for their club, they are invited to fill in at other empty slots once the schedule is open.

**When:** April 19th, at 6:00pm

**Where:** Hamilton Town Hall

**Who:** A representative of each club is required to be present to claim their block of hours

**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 that department as well as a great way to 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).

**Fairest of the Fair** The Agriculture Society is pushing back the deadline of Fairest of the Fair – so now is the time to apply! Deadline is April 15, 2023. This is for youth ages 18 and up as of Jan 1. This is also a great leadership and representation opportunity! Visit here for the application and expectations: [http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/fairest\\_of\\_the\\_fair](http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/fairest_of_the_fair)

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