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# Cloverline

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

## La Crosse County 4-H Update

A huge thank you to Josie for all the work she's done to get to know our 4-H program, the volunteers, members, and our office so fast! Then to turn it around do an evaluation. Such a big undertaking. I hear that she loved to work with us this semester, so hoping she gets a job in Extension across the state. Good Luck Josie and I hope to be your colleague!

With that – I need to share some results. First and foremost – our membership is up this year – to 507 members! We retained 84.7% of our members from last year, which is above the state's 79%. The projects with the most members are: Arts, Food Preservation, Photography and Drawing. The biggest two clubs are St. Joe's Ridge Runners and Union Mills, and our smallest clubs are Pleasant Valley and Mormon Coulee. Great fits for so many!

We had a 38% response rate to our surveys counting possible youth and one parent from each family – that is PHENOMENAL. THANK YOU! The biggest interests we've had from our surveys are: FAIR! (by far the biggest interest); both learning about and learning how to care for Animals (from pets to livestock), Legos, Arts and Crafts, Leadership and Service. Our clubs and groups received a general approval rating of 85%.

We have so many ideas submitted and ways to tweak things, I'm so thrilled. I will follow up with those who indicated they wanted to chat soon, and really excited about the things we'll implement in 2023-2024!

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## May 2023

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# youth leadership >>>

## Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday May 21st, 2023
- **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

Getting our Day Camp officially off the ground! Anyone interested in helping at this event, please come to this meeting (you don't have to officially be an Ambassador, but please be in grades 6+). Day Camp is Wednesday Aug 2nd from 10am-1pm in La Crosse.

# animal sciences>>>

## 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!

## Rabbit Project Meeting

- Date:** Friday, May 5th, 2023  
**Time:** 5:00-6:30pm  
**Location:** Hamilton Town Hall

Please bring your rabbits because we will be working on Showmanship.

## Goat Project Meetings

- Date:** Thursday, June 11th & 25th, 2023  
**Time:** 3:00pm  
**Location:** Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

## 4-H Tailgate

- **Date:** Friday, June 23rd
- **Time:** 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Location:** 7th and Vine Streets (Admin Parking Lot) La Crosse WI

LET'S GET TOGETHER! This event is completely informal, free, fun. We just want 4-H families to meet each other, have a chance at connection, see our fantastic 4-H float updates, celebrate our community, and get all your fair questions answered. We'll have games to play, snacks to eat, and people to chat with. Bring some chairs, kid-friendly beverages and smiles for your family. No need to RSVP!

## Area 13 Summer Camp!

**Registration has closed, but as a reminder here are the details:**

- When:** Sunday June 11th - Tuesday June 13th, 2023  
**Location:** Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells  
**Who attends:** Youth in grades 3-8 during the 2022-2023 year.

# volunteer section >>>

## Leaders Board Meeting

- Date:** Thursday, May 11th, 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)

This meeting the Board will discuss and vote on the budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year. We'll share updates on events and plans for the summer. Anyone who is interested in attending is always welcome.

We are still in need of a Vice President, please reach out to Emily (608-785-9761 or [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu)) if you have any interest!

## La Crosse Interstate Fair section: July 19th - 23rd, 2023



**Fair Clerks Needed** The sign up is now open for Clerks and Helpers for the 2023 Interstate Fair. We welcome anyone who wants to help, especially parents and exhibitors. We ask that anyone who is under the age of 12 to work with or be supervised by a parent. Age 13 and older can work unassisted.

This is a great community service and leadership opportunity. Youth who clerk learn firsthand the preferences judges have on exhibits. To sign up visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4HCLERKS2023>. Please reach out to Carlie Scriver with any questions at. As always, thank you for supporting Wisconsin fairs and our youth!

### Important Fair-Related Dates

#### JUNE

- June 1: All Fair Exhibit Entry Registration Open June 16: Paper Entry Deadline
- June 17-June 30: Paper Entry with \$10 late fee
- June 30: All Entry Registration Closed
- July 11: Fair Clean-Night (tentative)

#### JULY-AUGUST

- Entry tags will be available at the Farm Progress Building Office:
- Tuesday, 7/11 from 5-7 PM
- Tuesday, 7/18 from 6-8 PM
- Wednesday, 7/19 from 8 AM to noon Or by Appointment (Contact Marla at [lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com](mailto:lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com))
- July 18: Evening drop off for exhibits at Fair Grounds
- July 19-23: La Crosse Interstate Fair – Have Fun!
- July 24: Livestock Barn Clean Up
- July 26: Carcass Evaluation and Education (Tentative)
- August 25: Premium Checks Available: Noon

**4-H Blood Drive** We are hosting again – this time in a new location.

- **When:** July 21, 2023
- **Time:** 9am-2pm
- **Location:** Features Sports Bar and Grill (1425 Hwy 16, West Salem) – confirming the highlighted stuff yet.

**Food Stand Update** All shifts for the Interstate Fair food stand are claimed by clubs. Check with your leader to see how you can claim your individual spot to help! In the June newsletter a sign-up genius link will be provided and will be open from June 1 – June 30th.

There are small clubs that could use the extra help filling those spots, so if you cannot attend during your club's designated date/time, please sign up for any of the open available spots when they are available in June.

**Exhibit Guidebook** The 2023 Fair Book is out! This is THE resource for anyone submitting exhibits for the La Crosse Interstate Fair – youth AND adults. Reminder that fair dates are July 19-23, and that online entries do not start until June 1. Use this time to review what projects you completed this year and would like to exhibit at the fair. Fine what Department, Class, and Item they would fit under. Make your lists!

Copies of printed fair books are available for \$5 purchase. Please reach out to Marla Stello at [stellomj@hotmail.com](mailto:stellomj@hotmail.com) if your family needs to pick up a book. The book is available for free as a download here: [http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor\\_handbook](http://lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor_handbook). Please reach out to your club leader or the Extension Office if you have any questions/concerns about obtaining a fair book or on how to classify your entries.

## 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.

### Clothing Revue:

<https://tinyurl.com/4H ClothRevue>

### Foods Revue:

<https://tinyurl.com/4H FoodsRevue>

# 2023 Clothing Revue

## Clothing Revue

- **Date:** Sunday, June 25th
- **Time:** 5:30pm-8:00pm (set up at 5pm)
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse)
- **Registration by:** Monday, June 19, 2023. Online form here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HClothRevue>

For all members enrolled in Crocheting, Clothing, Consumer Savvy, Knitting, Cloverbud and Exploring projects! Use the Fair Premium guide when registering for this event. You can find Dept 26 here: <https://tinyurl.com/ClothingRevue>.

### General Rules for Participants:

- Participants will be required to model one of their entries at the La Crosse Interstate Fair on Wednesday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. (practice is at 4:30pm).
- Participants should bring a description and fabric sample with them to the Clothing Revue for each of their entries.
- Late entries will be marked down one placing.

For more information on the Clothing and Food Revues please visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/>



## 2023 Clothing Revue Registration:

Due Monday, June 19th by 4:30 p.m.

**\*Placing for LATE entries will be lowered\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the following Favorite Clothing Revue category(ies) (check the appropriate response):

- \_\_\_\_ Cloverbud (Class J)
- \_\_\_\_ Exploring (Class K)
- \_\_\_\_ Clothing 1 - Under Construction (Class L-N)
- \_\_\_\_ Clothing 2 - Fashion Forward (Class O-P)
- \_\_\_\_ Clothing 3 - Refine Design (Class Q)
- \_\_\_\_ Consumer Savvy (Class R-SA)
- \_\_\_\_ Knitting (Class T-U)
- \_\_\_\_ Crocheting (Class V-W)

List your Clothing Revue entry(ies) below. Check the Fair Premium Guide for the class and item number:

1. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

2. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

3. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

4. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

5. Class \_\_\_\_\_ Item # \_\_\_\_\_  
Description \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2023 Foods Revue

- **When:** Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (set up at 5:00)
- **Where:** La Crosse County Admin, 212 6th St N, La Crosse,
- **Registration** (due Monday, June 19th): Online form here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodsRevue>

## CATEGORIES

- **CLOVERBUDS (grades K-2)** will make a simple snack.
- **EXPLORERS (grades 3-4 or 1st year 4-Hers in 5th grade)** that are NOT in a Foods & Nutrition project will prepare an after-school snack.
- **FOODS & NUTRITION** will select only ONE of the foods you have enjoyed preparing in your project. The food you select must be related to your project, but the recipe does not have to be one from the project book. You will also plan a menu that includes the food you have selected.
- **CAKE DECORATING** members will bring a decorated cake (no cupcakes) using frosting techniques and may include edible or non-edible decorations.

## Rules & Information

- All entries must be ready for judging at the assigned time.
- Exhibitors must bring their own card table for displaying the place setting and food. You are responsible for setting up your own table and display. A separate table must be brought for each entry, not just one per exhibitor.
- All displays must include all dishes and silverware needed for the exhibit, including serving utensils for cakes. A tablecloth or placemat should be included.
- A centerpiece is recommended for everyone except cake decorators.
- Dress appropriately for the meal and occasion you are presenting.
- Include your recipe on an index card.
- You will be judged on your answers regarding age-appropriate knowledge of the [My Plate dietary guidelines](#), food preparation, and nutritional value of the food, as well as your selection and the appearance of the table setting and food display.
- The food will not be eaten by a judge, so its temperature does not matter.

## Fair Entries

Fair entries will consist of a picture taken of your Foods Revue exhibit. The picture must be placed on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch sheet of paper. Exhibitors may write captions, add the recipe, or decorate the paper to enhance their exhibit. Place settings are not required for display at the Fair. These photos should be taken to the Foods & Nutrition area in the Old Youth Building during the drop-off time for all Fair entries.

## 2023 Foods Revue Registration:

Due Monday, June 19th by 4:30 p.m.

\*Placing for LATE entries will be lowered\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the following Favorite Foods Revue category(ies) (check the appropriate response):

\_\_\_ Cloverbud (grades K-2)

\_\_\_ Exploring (grades 3-4 not in a Foods project)

\_\_\_ Foods & Nutrition

\_\_\_ Cake Decorating

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# 2023 Summer Academy >>>

We are excited to bring you the first ever Summer Academy!

- Dates: June 19-22, 2023
- Where: UW-Madison Campus

Cost: \$350 (50% scholarship reimbursed from Leader's Association post-event)

You can find all the information about Summer Academy on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>



Here are some highlights about Summer Academy:

## Tracks

Youth will have the opportunity to sign up for one of seven different track options for Summer Academy. The track options are Agriculture & Animal Sciences, Arts & Communication, Culinary & Health, Human Services, Leadership & Civic Engagement, STEM, and Trades. You can find descriptions of each of these tracks on our website.

## Experience the UW-Madison Campus

Youth will have the opportunity to stay at Chadbourne Hall and experience a slice of life on a college campus. They will also eat at the campus café located inside the dormitory. They will have the opportunity to explore a variety of campus buildings and experience the variety of opportunities that Madison offers!

## Assemblies and Group Activities

In addition to participating in their career track, youth will have the option to experience a variety of other fun activities! Included this year are the Drama Company performance, speakers including Miss America, a cultural arts festival, and a dance!

## Transportation

This year, we are offering statewide bussing from multiple locations across Wisconsin! When registering, participants will be able to select bus preference if they require transportation to/from the event.

We hope you are excited to participate in Summer Academy this year! Our team has been working hard to bring this new opportunity to you. See you this Summer!

## 2023 Event Dates

- 05-06-2023: Camp Counselor + Chaperone Training
- 06-11 - 06-13-2023: Summer Camp
- 06-23-2023: 4-H Tailgate
- \*\*06-25:2023: Clothing Revue\*\*
- 06-26-2023: Foods Revue
- 07-19 - 07-23-2023: La Crosse Interstate Fair
- 07-28-2023: 4-H Loggers Day
- 08-02-2023: Day Camp!
- 10-14-2023: 4-H Craft Fair
- 10-26-2023: Achievement Celebration

## shooting sports >>>

### WE NEED PARENT HELP!

Would anyone be interested in assisting with Archery and Pellet Gun programs? Mostly we need adults to help watch the shooting line – meaning you're there, and present, and making sure kids point things in the right direction. If this is something you can provide – please reach out to Steve Elsen at z24crash@gmail.com.

### REMINDER

The Holmen in the Square Archery sessions are happening May 7, 21 and June 4 yet. Sessions are at 9am, 10am, and 11am, and it's located at Arrows in the Square (N7681 Casberg Coulee Rd., Holmen, WI 54636). This is outdoors, so remember to dress accordingly for the weather.

### SWAG!

Also remember that you have the ability to purchase La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports merchandise. This link is where you go: <http://www.bbgraphics.net/4hss.html> Share it with family and friends – it makes great graduation and birthday gifts!

## 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).

**fair** This month we learn a little more about the county fair. Each county (there are 72 in WI-4-H!) does things a little differently. Though the fair is not actually a 4-H event, it belongs to the AG Society here in La Crosse, who reports to the DATCP (<https://datcp.wi.gov/>). We as 4-Hers LOVE participating in it because it's a super fun way to show the mastery of all the skills we've developed throughout the year. Other youth groups participate in it too, and it's a way for 4-H members to meet those in Scouting, FFA, and other organizations. It's not a required activity in 4-H, but it is definitely a fun one. For new 4-H families, I always recommend trying an exhibit, but keeping expectations low. Just attending the fair, and witnessing judging or watching the process is an education. There are many tips and tricks on how to do the best exhibit and no one person knows it all. So show up, ask questions and prepare to be amazed!

**at the meetings** Most clubs will start having more fair specific meetings right about now, gearing everyone up to get their exhibits ready and helping families navigate the exhibit entry process. You will have many many questions about all of this, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office, your club leader, or the superintendent of the projects you are interested in. Also - take note of what other youth are planning for their exhibits! I know of some kids who submitted 47 exhibits. That's a bit intense! But with the right organizational skills, you can pull it off!

**county** There are some pre-fair events that we host - like Foods and Clothing Revue - that are specifically before the fair so we have time to give them the judging they need. Even if you don't have an exhibit for these, please come to see what they are all about. People are always willing to answer questions and show off their exhibits! Also, try to come to our 4-H tailgate this year. It's still a new, and hopefully annual, event, designed to help 4-H families network more with fair prep and other things. It's on June 23, please come!

## may 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Horse Project Registration Forms Due	2	3	4	5	6 Camp Counselor & Chaperone Training
7 Holmen Archery Program	8	9	10	11 Leaders Board Meeting	12 State 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contest 2023	13
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