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

June 2023

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Everyone goes through changes

The more I chat with people the more I hear that we're all grappling with our identities somehow. Maybe a giant life change happened, and the kids have flown the nest. Or you just had another kid, or a parent died or now needs more care, or divorce, marriage, new house, new job happened. Shoot, maybe your kid(s) just leveled up a phase and you're adjusting. All these things, regardless of the emotion they bring, deserve time to process and explore, for you.

Kids take their entire childhood to establish the foundations of their identity, and as parents, we're very careful on helping them find it without stressing them out too much on the time it takes or the options in the process. I think we also have this notion that once they, or we, are an adult, that's it. A person doesn't change much once they are 18 or 25. Maybe that's true for some, not for all though.

Life changes can drastically shape who we are, in an instant, too. So, are we as careful with ourselves as we are with the kids? Do we treat these changes with curiosity, and do we give ourselves the time to process, reflect and grow in new ways? Or do you think we should have this all figured out by now?

Something to chew on. Be gentle with yourselves, friends.

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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 if you are interested in learning more!

Goat Project Meetings

Date: Sunday, June 11th & 25th, 2023

Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church

We will be discussing the entry process & regulations for the La Crosse Interstate Fair.

Rabbit Project Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

Time: 5:00-6:30pm

Location: Hamilton Town Hall

Pork Producers Twilight Meeting

Date: Monday, June 5th, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: La Crosse Interstate Fair Grounds

There will be live judging of beef, sheep, and swine as well as door prizes, cash prizes, and food afterwards. Contact Mike Gilster if you have any questions 608-790-1261.

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.

2023 State 4-H Dog Shows and Upcoming Opportunities

2023 State 4-H Dog Agility Show: Wisconsin 4-H is excited to announce that there will be 2023 Wisconsin State 4-H Agility Dog Show!

Registration is open for the 2023 Wisconsin State 4-H Agility Dog Show. The Dog Show is August 26th at the Canine Sports Zone in Middleton, Wisconsin. Registration forms are attached to this email and you can also find updates on the Wisconsin 4-H Dog Project Website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agilityshow/>.

County entries should be mailed in one envelope and postmarked by June 15th. Make sure to also read the guidelines to review important information about the show.

On October 7th & 8th the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Project will be hosting workshops and the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Project Meeting. This Fall Workshop and meeting will be hosted at the Sleepy Creek Pet Lodge in New London, WI. This will be open to both enrolled 4-H youth and leaders. Saturday will be clinics and Sunday morning will be the State 4-H Dog Project Meeting where we elect our State 4-H Dog Project Board of Directors, both youth and adult board. More information to come about this process. If any adult volunteers or older youth leaders would like more information on how to be involved with the newly forming state dog committee, feel free to email Jill Jorgenson at jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu.

We can't wait to see you in August at the agility show!

No State 4-H Dog Obedience Show in 2023: We

understand that it is unfortunate we can't have a 2023 Wisconsin State 4-H Obedience and Showmanship Dog Show. The State 4-H Dog Leaders and our Wisconsin State 4-H Animal Science and Agriculture Outreach Specialist, Jill Jorgensen, met in April to discuss the State Shows. It was decided that the Agility Show was the show we could host this year. We didn't have host counties that were able to take the lead for this year and will not work into a current timeframe.

New and Exciting Plans for 2024! That being said there are new and exciting plans in the works to run an amazing 2024 Wisconsin State 4-H Obedience and Showmanship Show. Also, we are forming a Statewide 4-H Dog Project Board. Please stay tuned for these updates at the Fall meeting!



youth leadership >>>

Ambassador Meeting

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

This is it. THE meeting before our day camp on Aug 2nd. This day we nail it all down.

Reminer for Record Books

Record Books for the 2022-2023 4-H year are due by 4:30pm Thursday, September 7th. Your entire resource for all things Record Books can be found here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-record-books/>. There are rubrics for the judging so you can see exactly what the judges are looking for regarding levels of excellence.

There are different forms for a handful of projects, and if you are in your upper level years of 4-H knowledge, you'll want to look at the finance section for your projects as well. Of course if you have any questions please reach out to us at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org. Those who achieve record book awards will be acknowledged at our Achievement Celebration on Oct 27th!

volunteer section >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 8th, 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 preparing for Fair and buttoning down plans for the next county-wide 4-H year! We are still in need of a Vice President, please notify Emily Crook if you are interested: emily.crook@wisc.edu.

Annual Financial Reports

For all chartered clubs and groups with any treasury, it's time to do the annual financial report. Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30th. Before June 30th, all those who submitted AFRs for their club/group will receive a new form, and last year's submitted copy so you can hit the ground running on June 30th. This information will also be in club/group shared drive.

Please reach out to Emily Crook: emily.crook@wisc.edu or 608-785-9761 for questions or concerns. **AFR Due date is SEPT 1, 2023. Failure to submit the AFR by this date could lead to a termination of the club or group.** For reference of what needs to be included please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/annual-financial-report/>

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 noonOr by Appointment (Contact Marla at 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:** Pischke Motors, Hwy 16, West Salem.

Cat - Small Animals - Pets - Veterinary

Science All animal exhibitors in these categories should bring a picture of the animal with the exhibitor to be on display during the fair. Please attach the fair tag of the exhibit to the picture. These will be displayed on a posterboard at fair.

All CAT Exhibitors must bring the Animal ID sheet (found in the fair book) and a copy of the rabies certification to fair. These required documents will be turned in to the fair board.

SMALL ANIMALS/PETS exhibitors should bring themselves and their pets. All Kim will do at this point is look over your pet and ensure it's healthy to show.

Non-animal exhibits in these projects/departments (posters, toys, etc) will be judged in the Small Animal Barn. (Feel free to stick around and discuss your project with the judge!) After judging is completed, these items will be moved to either the old or new youth buildings. Additionally, some of these items may get selected to participate in the Pump House Exhibit this Fall.

In the 2023 Fair – Small Pets will go first and Cats will follow in the judging schedule.

Kim will be posting a video in the group's facebook near the end of June and early July. Should you have any questions – please reach out to her at kkymmm@gmail.com.

Food Stand Sign Up – READY! Clubs have staked their shifts – it's time to grab your spot at the food stand and ORDER UP! Club members are able to sign up within their club shift through June 30th. July 1st up until fair – people can sign up in any open shifts. If you are unable to work during your club shift, then sign up for any other openings available. Reminder that working at the food stand will help any future scholarship applications for 4-H trips, etc. The food stand is our primary fundraiser that keeps our program running smoothly. You AND adults are needed – make it a family event! Visit here to sign up in your club slot: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HFoodstand>

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/4HClothRevue>

Foods Revue:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodsRevue>

2023 Clothing & Foods Revues

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>

All of the guidelines and categories along with physical registration forms can be found in last month's cloverline, which is located here: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/cloverline-newsletter/>.

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>

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Woodland Wonders Day Camp

Fun and
creative
outdoor
activities for
kids grades 3-5



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 2
CHAD ERICKSON MEMORIAL PARK
10A.M.-1P.M.

ACTIVITIES

- RELAYS
- GAMES
- NATURE HIKE
- NATURE BOOK MAKING
- LOG ROLLING*

REGISTRATION

ONLINE
SPACE IS
LIMITED



*Life jackets will be provided and
life guards will be on site

<https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HDayCamp>

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

- 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.

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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Fair Exhibit Entry Open	2	3
4	5 Pork Producers Twilight Meeting	6	7	8 Leaders Board Meeting	9	10
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