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

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gather the wagons

Nothing was more enjoyable to me as an efficient youth than the challenge of getting most of my family across the expansive wild west, over rivers, dealing with dysentery, before the winter in the basic computer game of Oregon trail. That game gave me the visual I needed this week of gathering the wagons. Because they did that, when being attacked, when being vulnerable.

The past ten days my family gathered its wagons and mourned my father's passing. I'll spare you the memorial tribute I constantly have going in my head – but he was a great loving dad, and a faithful man and servant leader, always giving to his community.

On the other side of these immediate events, I'm touched by the circling of wagons my 4-H family did, too. Thank you to everyone for the prayers, condolences, patience and the general care you've expressed. It wasn't only a comfort to me, but also my mom in seeing how genuinely I'm cared about here. Your well wishes were not unnoticed and were wholly appreciated.

Our wagons are un-gathered now, moving west, as we do. Praying now for a bit a respite in clear skies.

Again, Thank you,

Emily Crook
Positive Youth Development Educator
La Crosse County Extension

animal sciences>>>

Rabbit Project Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 12th, 2023
Time: 12pm
Location: West Salem Park

End of year rabbit project celebration!
This will be pot luck style so bring a dish to pass. Please check the Blue Ribbon Bunnies facebook page for updates. Dawn will be providing ham sandwiches and chips, please bring your own plates and utensils

WI 4-H County Classic

Date: Saturday, August 26th, 2023
Time: 8:00am
For: Horse Project Members grades 3-13
Location: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds
Registration Deadline: Online (Aug 25)
Mailed (Aug 14)

For 4-H members across the state – this event provides opportunities for youth to hone their horse skills with opportunities to build self-confidence and demonstrate their skills while focusing on safety and good sportsmanship. For registration and guidelines, please visit: <https://lacrossehorseproject.regfox.com/wisconsin-4h-county-classic>

For questions - please contact Jennifer Lakey at 608-799-28480 or wi4hcountyclassic@gmail.com

youth leadership >>>

Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday August 20th, 2023
- **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

New members – any 4-H member in grades 7+ this new school year are welcome to apply and attend this meeting! We will hold elections, do a random fair exhibit, and discuss the goals for the group this year. Definitely be there! (Parents are always welcome too!)

Membership Evaluation (ME) Forms Due

Anyone in grades 3 and older looking to receive Leaders' Association travel and event scholarships for the 2023-2024 program year should have a completed Membership Evaluation (ME) form. This form has all the potential trips listed for selections rendering multiple scholarship applications unnecessary. Some are state opportunities, some are beyond. Some applications start right away in September – if you are interested in a trip, research the typical application deadlines now!

ME forms are due to the Extension office via email, mail or fax by Midnight on October 1st. To get your form, visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMEform>

Ambassador Applications Due

Youth in grades 7th – 13th are eligible to be Ambassadors – La Crosse County's premiere youth leadership experience. These 4-H members elect what service projects they complete, conduct public speaking and promotional pieces whenever necessary, and provide mentorship and leadership as necessary for county-wide events. Ambassadors usually win awards and scholarships for anything they have an interest in.

If this is you – get your application in to the Extension Office via email, mail or fax by Midnight on Oct 1st. Current Ambassadors need not apply again, you are in!

To Apply – visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HAmbassadorApp>

volunteer section >>>

Annual Training Reminder

All adult volunteers are required to complete one refresher training each year of Title IX reporting policies. This training has been adapted to be more directly applied to your role and is 10 minutes long. Online at your time or available as a printed document. Links will be provided when the training is ready. You might think you don't need this information, until you do. Starting with your 2023-2024 re-enrollment, you'll be required to complete this for certification.

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 10th, 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 will hear from multiple presenters on their trips this summer, review successes and challenges of the fair, and start recruiting new members to the Leaders' Board. If interested – definitely let Emily know!

2023 Charters Due

A 4-H charter indicates the club or group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the 4-H program. It authorizes the club or group to use the 4-H emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the 4-H Charter is education, communication, and accountability.

4-H clubs and groups must renew their charter annually through completion of the Charter Application Process. Charter Applications are to be completed online by November 1st.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

Changes to the 2024 charter document include:

- Added a section for Club Leader Mailing and email information and Youth President contact information
- Added additional high-risk activities that have policies

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/>

odds & ends >>>

craft fair

- Date: Sat. Oct 14, 2023
- Time: TBD, sometime in AM
- Location: Onalaska Omni Center (255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska, WI)

Exhibitors sign up by **September 29, 2023**. Rules, guidelines, registration for a table here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HCraftFair>

pumphouse exhibit submission instructions

If you received a purple ticket on your exhibit - Congratulations! Your exhibit has been selected for the 4-H display at the Pump House Regional Arts Center from **September 13 - October 14, 2023**. An artist's reception will be held at the Center on September 19, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

To be a part of this exhibit, please fill out the purple information slip to the right, tear it off and attach it to the back of your piece. Then, bring your item to the UW-Extension office by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7th**. No exhibits will be accepted after this date. You, your friends and your family are encouraged to come view your piece and the rest of the display anytime the Pump House (119 King St, La Crosse) is open!

annual awards deadline

We love to recognize our hard working 4-H members at the Achievement Celebration, and our Volunteers at the Annual Holiday Party – did you know you can nominate your favorite 4-H member or volunteer for many County 4-H awards? **Nominations and Applications for the 2023 Achievement Celebration are due Sept 1, 2023.**

For a complete list and link to the award application and nomination form, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4Hawards>.

achievement celebration

- **Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2023
- **Time:** 5:00 pm 4-H 101, 6:00 pm meal, 7:00 pm event
- **Location:** Lunda Center, Western Technical College (333 7th St N, La Crosse)
- **RSVP by October 16, 2023** (email lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or call 608-785-9593 with name and how many)

The Achievement Celebration is our annual highlight of all the accomplishments our 4-H families have completed throughout the year. The trips youth have been on our county-wide events, and youth awards are also awarded that night.

NEW this year is the opportunity for new families or anyone really, to attend a 4-H 101 class hosted by our Ambassadors (youth leaders). If you plan to attend the class, please arrive at 5pm. Don't need the class? Come anytime before 7 to get a light boxed dinner, and see the show at 7:00 pm!

Club Leaders: We will be mailing out club award information soon. You will have both a paper and online option for submission. Stuck with deciding who gets what in your club? Ask your club officers!

record books deadline

A 4-H Record Book is all about reflecting on your projects ... bringing more meaning to what you learned, how you learned it, and how you can grow from it! Record books are the final step of your 4-H year; your record book tells your story of your project(s) from beginning to end. It tells what you had hoped to accomplish when you signed up to take the project, as well as the journey of learning along the way. In the end, it gives a recap of what happened – did it go well, did it not go so well, what would you do differently, etc. It is your chance to make sure you have reached the goals you set for yourself when you began your project(s), as well as an opportunity for reflection. 4-H Record Books are a big part of achieving in 4-H!

Why complete a record book?

In La Crosse County 4-H, completing a Record Book allows you to compete for multiple county project awards. These awards are given at the annual Achievement Celebration. Record Book awards are given based on what you have learned in your project, not how you did in any competition (fair, foods revue, etc).

Record Books are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 7, 2023. For record book templates, forms and rubrics, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HRecordbook>

state 4-H opportunities>>>

cedar crest ice cream flavor naming contest

It's back! The contest runs September 1 through November 15, 2023 and is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs. Visit www.cedarcresticecream.com (the link will not be "live" until contest opens) for details and entry forms, and find links on our website (www.Wis4HFoundation.org).



tractor supply company paper clover promotion

The Fall TSC Paper Clover campaign runs October 4-15, 2023, and clubs have the opportunity to earn a \$50 TSC gift card. In-store promotion dates are Saturday/Sunday 10/7, 8, 14, 15. Online registration is required and is open now. For more information visit: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/tscpaperclover/>

wisconsin 4-H foundation celebrate the arts art contest

We're celebrating our Wisconsin 4-H artists for the 6th year. This contest opens November 1, 2023 and runs through January 15, 2024. When information is ready to be posted, it will appear here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>, and look for information in the statewide newsletter.



2023-2023 enrollment>>>

SOON it's time to re-enroll in 4-H. SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, we'll re-start our 4HOnline program for the 2023-2024, and you can re-enroll. Make me an honest educator and get yourself re-enrolled right away. Reminder that if you don't re-enroll by Dec 1, 2023, you will no longer receive emailed or mailed Cloverline newsletters beyond the December issue. Once you re-enroll, that will start back up. Volunteers – I'm not allowed to send lists to of enrolled youth or non-enrolled youth unless YOU are enrolled AND approved. Links and reminders will go out in the next issue – just remember to schedule some time to get you and your kids in the system.



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.

annual awards:

<https://forms.gle/jighHPYHGyzbqFYe9>

ME form:

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

ambassador form:

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

2023 Event Dates

- 9-13 to 10-15-2023: Pumphouse Exhibit
- 9-19-2023: Pumphouse Opening Party
- 10-7-2023: Officer and Leader Retreat
- 10-14-2023: 4-H Craft Fair
- 10-26-2023: Achievement Celebration



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HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

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