

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

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everybody loves expressive arts!

We just celebrated our Achievements for the 2022-2023 year. And statewide we are in the process of evaluating our awards and deciding on if we should offer more what that would look like. Do we honor the years and service given through a series of checkboxes of completing this activity and that record book? Or do we honor the depth and method that youth challenge themselves? I lean toward the latter, because when we do challenge ourselves to try something new or do something different, the work is hard, but the reward is amazing.

I'm so in awe of both the Ambassador youth leaders I work with and the Leaders' Association Board this year. With some strange luck, they both decided on SMART goals to bring more attention to the Expressive Arts festival. Because of this focus, each youth and adult in these groups are bringing their talents and ideas to the table on how to get this event back to its glory, all in unique ways.

And dare I say it, with this focus and so many people on board – the planning is actually... fun? It's inspiring! It gives me so much excitement! They are planning some great things to both educate and inspire you about this festival.

So I want to do my part, too. **This year, we've purchased a subscription to PLAYS Magazine, a database of scripts for young actors.** If you want more inspiration for your plays, your readings, recitations – you have access: visit playsmagazine.com and for login information – please email lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or call 608-785-9593.

Reminder that Expressive Arts Fest will be on March 9, 2024. Start your planning – Let's have fun!

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Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday November 26th, 2023
- **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

We will dive into our next personality assessment: the Love Languages. ALSO, we all agreed to bring some sort of pie (one per family if that's easier). If you're struggling with this task, it's okay, we'll probably have a ton of it.

About 4-H American Spirit – June 14-23, June 21-30, and July 5-14, 2024.

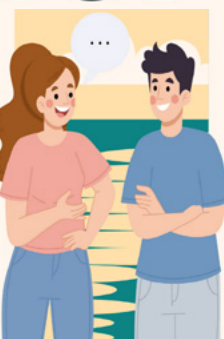
The 4-H American Spirit Experience is an opportunity for **youth in grades 8-10** to experience history & heritage by immersing in a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada. Staff and volunteers plan and facilitate the experience, with youth participants leading content throughout the experience. Participants increase their knowledge of American history while experiencing where it occurred and have unique opportunities for dynamic exposure to diverse cultural experiences and perspectives of the foundation of our nation, all while developing positive relationships with adults and their peers from around the state. **Estimated Cost of Experience = \$1,900.**

Application is open in 4HOnline starting October 1st! These spots fill up fast. Reminder that the La Crosse County 4-H Leaders Board offers scholarship for youth. Have questions? Please reach out to Emily: emily.crook@wisc.edu.

HOW TO PEOPLE WORKSHOP



608-785-9593



Gain confidence to speak your mind, learn the tools for a healthy argument, and start understanding how to solve personal conflict, from your 4-H Ambassadors, Extension Educators and Wisconsin Representative Steve Doyle.

Saturday,
November
18

Time:
1-3PM

County
Admin
Building
212 6th St La
Crosse WI

Grades:
6+

Cost:
FREE

How To People Workshop

- **Date:** Saturday, Nov 18th, 2023
- **Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

Gain confidence to speak your mind, learn the tools for a healthy argument, and start understanding how to solve personal conflict, from your 4-H Ambassadors, Extension Educators and Wisconsin Representative Steve Doyle.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/mfa46ctGyNwFNSfQ7>



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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).

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. The submission link will go live on/near 11/1/23.

All information is available here: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>

animal sciences>>>

Horse Project Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Farm Progress Building

Goat Project Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 26th, 2023
Time: 3:00pm
Location: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Holmen WI

Rabbit Project Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 11th, 2023
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Location: Hamilton Town Hall

Leader Certification Training Workshops Form:
forms.gle/RPnqjwxD6YtCwkV88

reminders >>>

Pick up your Pump House Items!

All items exhibited at our annual show are ready for pick up starting Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Our office hours are 8 am – 4:30 pm. If you can't make it during office hours, please email lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or call 608-785-9593 to make alternate arrangements.

Leadership Certification Training Workshops

Date: Saturday, December 2nd 2023

Time: 8am to 5pm

Location: Onalaska Armory,
910 Oak Forest Dr, Onalaska,
WI 54650

Disciplines: Archery & Air
Rifle/Rifle

**Registration deadline is
November 24, 2023**



register here:
forms.gle/RPnqjwxD6YtCwkV88



volunteer section >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, Nov 9th, 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)

Elections! Youth members age 14 and older can vote, any 4-H adults can vote – we will be electing the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Holmen-Mindoro Representative, West Salem Representative, and At-Large Representative. If you are interested in running for these positions – please be in attendance at this meeting. If you cannot make the meeting you need to notify Emily of your intentions – 608-785-9761.

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.

Volunteer & Parent Holiday Party

Date: Thursday, Dec 7th, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Log Cabin (N4697 State Rd 162,
Bangor WI)

Who: 4-H Volunteers and Parents (no youth please!)

Cost: FREE!

RSVP: by Wed. November 29, 2023 to:

lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org
or 608-785-9593

The La Crosse County 4-H Leaders' Association is pleased to invite all 4-H leaders, parents and volunteers to the annual holiday party! A free meal and dessert will be had along with a short awards ceremony, board induction ceremony and plenty of holiday shenanigans! Guests are encouraged to bring something small for a door prize gift exchange. Come join the fun by getting your RSVP in to the Extension Office today!

FORMS SECTION

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.

scholarships: <https://tinyurl.com/4HSeniors>

how to people: <https://forms.gle/mfa46ctGyNwFNSfQ7>

clover college instructor: <https://forms.gle/QTaxpw9oUzwFqL546>

archery & pellet gun: <https://forms.gle/tyBKWvqP3oE4P1Sm7>

leadership certification training: forms.gle/RPnqjwxD6YtCwkV88



shooting sports >>>

Archery and Pellet Gun Program

When: Saturdays

January 6th & 20th, 2024

February 3rd & 17th, 2024

March 2nd & 16th, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m

Where: La Crosse Archery (1231 Oak Forest Dr., Onalaska, WI 54650)

Who: Youth in grades 3+

Cost: Archery (**must be in grades 3+**): \$6 for 4-H member, \$10 for community member

Pellet Gun (**must be in grades 4+**): \$10 FOR 4-H member, \$15 for community member (price differential is due to insurance fees)

We are ready for the annual Archery and Pellet Gun program! The sessions start with youth learning safety and basics of shooting followed by practice sessions and concluding with an inter-program tournament on the last day. If you are wanting to participate in the 2024 La Crosse County Interstate Fair youth archery tournament, this is one of the ways to get in your safety session requirements. All necessary equipment is provided!

This popular program fills up fast and spots are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. **No spots will be held without payment received in full.** 4-H members must be enrolled in 4HOnline for the 2023-2024 year at the time of registration for this program in order to be eligible for the 4-H member prices. Because extra insurances are provided, proof of hunter's safety certification is not required for pellet gun participation.

Registration is available via google form here: <https://forms.gle/tyBKWvqP3oE4P1Sm7>. To print a copy of the registration form, please visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/> Registrations are due by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023. Please direct any questions to the Extension Office at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

odds & ends >>>

Graduating 4-H Seniors

It's time to think about scholarships! The Wisconsin Pork Association has one due December 1st – and then there's a litany of others soon to follow. The WI 4-H Foundation opens applications from December 1 through March 1st.

There are so many people in your 4-H community who could be amazing references: your leader, project leader, 4-H staff, another club volunteer or parent, community member you helped, etc.

For a handy list of 4-H specific ones visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HSeniors>.

2024 SUMMER CAMP!

- **Dates:** July 31st - August 2nd
- **Location:** Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

LET'S FORM A CAMP TEAM!

I need parents, 4-H volunteers, and youth 9th grade and up who love camp to work with me on getting our camp training and program ready. Being part of this team doesn't mean I'll beg you to Chaperone or be a Counselor. But I want your input and possibly your help in finding and training them. This could also develop into our own county's outpost adventure if enough are interested.

If you are interested, I want to get things started now for this experience. Please email me ASAP at emily.crook@wisc.edu.

Clover College Call for Instructors!

Clover College is our 4-H day of discovery. Every county has one - ours is Feb 10, 2024 and we like to offer as many classes as we can! Do you have skills you can share with our 4-H youth? Or is there a specific educational need you think our 4-H members need (Superintendents - do you want to instruct how to submit exhibits in your department at the fair)? Now is the time to let us know you want to teach at Clover College.

There are 3 sessions offered throughout the day that are 90 minutes in length, although we might order shorter sessions, too. You choose how many sessions you want to do, you choose your class size, your class age range, and you can choose the class fee as well (the Leaders Board typically knocks off \$5 of every fee for every class in scholarship for the youth, you will be reimbursed in full for all class costs).

Instructors do not have to be 4-H members, volunteers, or even adults. ANYONE who has a skill, passion or something to share can teach at Clover College. We will keep sessions to things that follow 4-H policy though (speak with Emily if we need to do a risk, inclusivity, or accommodations assessment).

Sessions we've had in the past: Ceramics, Sign Language, Electronics, Lego Robotics, Sewing, Cookie Decorating, Models, Woodworking, First Aid, Astronomy, Rabbits, Cats/Small Pets, Shooting Sports, Aerospace, Origami, Vet, Science, Irish Dancing, Painting, Record Books Planning, Scrapbooking, Photography.

FILL OUT THIS FORM BEFORE DECEMBER 15TH -
<https://forms.gle/QTaxpw9oUzwFqL546>

If you don't have a skill but know someone who would be amazing at sharing theirs? Reach out to Emily, or feel free to send them this form, too. If you have an idea for a class but don't have someone in mind to instruct tell us anyway! emily.crook@wisc.edu.

2023-2024 Event Dates

- 11-04 to 11-05-2023: Fall Forum
- 12-2-2023: Shooting Sports Certification
- 12-07-2023: Leaders Holiday Party
- 1-06-2024: Archery/Pellet Gun Program Starts
- 1-13-2024: 4-H Leadership Retreat
- 2-10-2024: Clover College
- 3-09-2024: Expressive Arts
- 4-28-2024: Fur, Fin, Feather
- 7-31 to 8-02-2024: Summer Camp

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