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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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## 2024 4-H Fair Mentor Program

This idea came from the recent surveying we did for our county (thank you Piggush family!)— let's try it out!

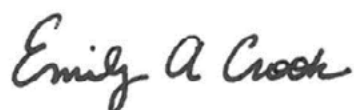
Is your family experienced in exhibiting at the county fair? Or are you still a bit shaky? For years we've wanted to help new families with their fair experience but weren't sure how. So for the 2024 year – we're piloting something new: the 4-H Fair Mentor program.

If you have an exhibit you're struggling in, or have some advice to share – consider filling out this form by June 1st: <https://forms.gle/TdwN6RGEJWZAYF6Y6> The earlier you sign up the more opportunities you'll have to be matched.

Families will be matched based on their willingness to participate. And just because you have experience in one exhibit, that doesn't mean you know them all – you're welcome to request a mentor, too! This is family involvement – youth will not be directly contacted by others in this program.

I love how this idea has the potential to build your community and network and create another familiar face at the fair! Let's give it a shot!

***\*\*Reminder from Kasey: Starting in January - if you don't re-enroll in 4-H by the end of this month, you won't get the cloverline moving forward until you complete your re-enrollment!\*\****



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# volunteer section >>>

## Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, January 11th, 2024

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

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

### ANNOUNCING YOUR 2024 4-H LEADERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD

**President:** Lynette Berg

**Vice President:** VACANT

**Past President:** Tina Langrehr

**Secretary:** Shari Hegland

**Treasurer:** Linda Saley

**AG Society Rep:** Carolyn Christopherson

**La Crosse/Onalaska Rep:** Nancy Wakefield

**Holmen/Mindoro Rep:** Rick Shisler

**West Salem Rep:** Pam Hoth

**Bangor Rep:** Sue Kramer

**At-Large Rep:** VACANT

**At-Large Rep:** Stacey Sheffield

**Ambassador Reps:** Mya Hoth & Ruth Roths

We still have two vacancies if anyone is interested. Our meetings are monthly, and we try to keep them to an hour or 90 minutes. If you'd like to learn more about how county-level 4-H happens, or would love to brainstorm ideas for future programming – this is a great opportunity – reach out to Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) for more information.

## Volunteer & Parent Holiday Party

**Date:** Thursday, Dec 7th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

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

## Cooking with Meat Project Box



### What's Included:

- meat probe
- cutting board
- bamboo skewers
- internal temp magnet
- cooking with meat book

### Information you should know:

- Grades 3 & Up can participate
- All youth in all counties are eligible to participate
- Kits will be sent to county offices for distribution first week of January – please keep this in mind before ordering a box



Register open until  
December 15th:



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**4-H SPACE CAMP**

**APR 18-22, 2024**

**HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER**

EXPERIENCE:  
LIFE AS AN ASTRONAUT,  
WORKING AT NASA,  
EXPLORE PLACES BEYOND EARTH!

**OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 6-8**

Registration  
opens **Nov 15th**  
in **4HONLINE**



# 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) \*Pellet Gun is already almost full!\*

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](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org).



## Swag!

La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports program is offering merchandise once again! This link is where you go: [4hshootingsports.com](http://4hshootingsports.com) Share it with family and friends – it makes great holiday, graduation and birthday gifts!

*La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports*

 **LOGO WEAR**



Use the link below or scan the QR Code to view all of the clothing designs!



[www.4hshootingsports.com](http://www.4hshootingsports.com)

All orders will need to be picked up directly from BB Graphics at 901 4th St. S., La Crosse. They will call you when your order is ready for pick up.

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## youth leadership >>>

### Ambassador Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday January 28th, 2024
- **Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, entrance on 7th street side)

For the month of December, the Ambassadors are participating in the 2023 Lego Build to Give Project. Watch for the flyer and instructions in your email.

Ambassadors - we are also ice skating at the Omni Center in Onalaska (255 Riders Club Rd) on **Sun Dec 10 at 5:30 PM**. Bring \$5 if you need to rent skates, your admission is courtesy of the Ambassadors!

## 2024 Citizen Washington Focus Trip

**Date:** June 2024 - Registration Opens Dec 1st!

**Who:** Grades 10-12 (minimum age of 15 at time of the trip)

**Registration:** Through 4HOnline - it fills fast!

**Where:** Statewide trip to Washington, DC.

**Cost:** Approximately \$1,750 –50% due at registration – Leaders Board covers the other 50%, then an additional 25% after the trip and you present! That's a total scholarship of 75%!

**REQUIRED:** to represent La Crosse County officially, you will need to participate in an interview with a member from our Board.

For more details visit: <https://tinyurl.com/WI4H2024CWF>

## state 4-H opportunities>>>

### 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/>



## Congratulations Alyssa Shisler, our 2023 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Goat Supreme Exhibitor!

The Supreme Exhibitor award is based on a junior exhibitor's overall achievements at the 2023 Fair from points earned participating in the Junior Dairy Goat show, Quiz contest, Communication contest and Showmanship. We would like to congratulate Alyssa Shisler, our 2023 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Goat Supreme Exhibitor!

Alyssa has exhibited at Wisconsin State Fair for the past five years. She is a high school sophomore that has participated in both the junior and open shows at Wisconsin State Fair. Besides exhibiting her own dairy goat herd, she also assists other fellow exhibitors. In the future, Alyssa plans to continue working with her dairy goats in addition to attending a university to major in nursing and obtain a minor in French.

When asked about her favorite memory, Alyssa stated that her favorite memory was "...playing card games in the commons with all the dairy goat youth at the Junior Show in the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center. I think it is so amazing the bonds I build in a week and they continue right where we left off the previous year. It truly is my favorite week of summer as I get to be with people my age who have the same passion and drive as I do."

## Congratulations Alexa Heitkamp, our newest member of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council!

The new youth and adult members of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council were elected at the Fall Forum conference, November 4-5, 2023, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Youth and adults from across the state applied to be part of the new council and went through an election process to be selected for the 2023-24 council.

Among representatives for the East Region, North Region at At-Large, here is who represents our Southern Region for 2023-24:

### **Southern Region:**

Mary Pat Boschert (Dodge County – Adult)

Grace Carter (Sauk County - Youth)

Jamie Damm (Columbia County – Youth)

**Alexa Heitkamp (LaCrosse County - Youth)**

Bryndalyn Kanable (Richland County - Youth)

Thomas Peters (Rock County - Youth)

Dawn Smith (Green County - Adult)

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Madison Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county, and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan multiple statewide programs and provides leadership in those settings. For more information on the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-leadership-council/>

## animal sciences>>>

### Goat Project Caprine Holiday Party

**Date:** Sunday, December 17th, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** Dave English Shelter, Onalaska

### 2024 YQCA

**What:** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.

**Who:** Swine Auction Participants (Required)  
Livestock Project members (optional, encouraged!)

**How:** Online Training here:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**Cost:** \$12 (\$3 reimbursed by Leader's Board with submitted completion certificate!)

When you complete your training, YOU need to save a copy of your completion certificate and:

- Email it to [lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:lacrosseyouthlivestock@gmail.com) to meet your requirement for fair.
- Email it to [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) for \$3 reimbursement.

Any questions? Please reach out to us at 608-785-9593 or either of the emails above.

## 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](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) or call 608-785-9593 to make alternate arrangements.



# odds & ends >>>

## 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](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).


# Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4-H Online  
[wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)

## EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

**JAN. 24, 2024**  
**FEB. 28, 2024**  
**MAR. 27, 2024**  
**APRIL 24, 2024**  
**MAY 22, 2024**



## 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](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)



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# 2023-2024 Event Dates

- 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

## 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>

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

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

**fair mentor program:** <https://forms.gle/TdwN6RGEJWZAYF6Y6>

**yqca training:** <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

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3	4	5	6	7 Leaders Holiday Party	8	9
10 Ambassador Skating	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Goat Project Holiday Party	18	19	20	21	22 4-H Office Closed	23
24	25 4-H Office Closed	26	27	28 Archery & Pellet Gun Program Registration Closes	29	30
31	1 4-H Office Closed					

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