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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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## Recovery

We are all recuperating from fair at this point, and trying to gain some form of re-set before school starts, while making the most of what the summer is left. If anyone is like me, and to be honest, maybe a lot of you aren't, you're feeling overwhelmed and a little burnt out.

I realize I talk a lot about burn out, sorry. I feel that we have this notion that summers must be magical for the kids so they have a million good memories, and we only have 4 good months of weather really, 3 of which aren't dictated to us as much. And yet, I hear reports from people that their best memories, are the slow inconsequential ones.

My favorite is a summer evening in the family room, my dad is watching baseball, but I'm watching the fireflies out the patio screen listening to the crickets, and feeling the breeze. I don't remember all the workshops I've participated in or the day camps as much. Maybe one little thing here or there.

And I think we'll all experience the joys that summer brings us, eventually. Maybe not as kids, but maybe your kids will experience them with their kids! So, take a few days. Get real lazy. Do what you need to fill your bucket.

Summers are made for you, too.

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# volunteer section >>>

## Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, August 8th, 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)

We'll do a fair wrap up and prepare for fall events and new leader board nominations!

## Annual Financial Reports

For all chartered clubs and groups with any treasury, it's time to complete the annual financial report. Our fiscal year runs July 1 – 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 July 1. This information is already in your club's shared google drive.

Please reach out to Emily Crook: [Emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:Emily.crook@wisc.edu) or 608-785-9761 for questions or help! AFR Due date is SEPT 2, 2024. Failure to submit anything (a completed form, a requested extension, anything) will lead to termination of the club or group. You will need time signatures from your youth treasurer. So plan now! For reference of what needs to be included for a complete financial report, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HAFR>

## 2024 Charters Due

4-H Clubs and Groups must renew their charter annually through completion of the Charter Application Process by November 1, 2024. It's a very simple process that MUST be completed should you want your club or group to remain functioning in the La Crosse County 4-H program. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes. Leaders and Youth Officers, please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/> to complete this requirement!

# extras >>>

## Pumphouse Exhibition Submission Instructions

If you received a purple ticket on your fair exhibit – Congratulations! Your exhibit has been selected for the 4-H display at the Pump House Regional Arts Center from September 8 – October 12, 2024. An artist's reception will be held at the Center on September 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

**To be part of this exhibit:** please fill out the purple information slip to the right of your ticket, tear off and attach that part to the back of your exhibit. Then either deposit this item in the Pump House tote at in the New Youth Building on Sunday, July 21 by 7:00 p.m., or bring it to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on **Thursday, September 5, 2024**. No exhibits will be accepted after this date.

Everyone is encouraged to come view your piece and the rest of the display anytime the Pump House (119 King St, La Crosse) is open!

## Ambassador Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** La Crosse County Admin Center  
(212 6th St N, La Crosse)

We'll be finalizing the day camp preparation as well as elect officers who will start in September. Anyone interested in holding office must have been active in the group for at least one year. Positions that are open: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. If interested, plan to attend this meeting with a brief 2 min speech on why you should have this position.

## Ambassador Applications Due

**WHO:** Grades 7+ (completed 6th) who want leadership experience

These 4-H members are responsible for creating, altering, hosting and serving at county-wide events like: Clover College, Expressive Arts, 4-H Craft Fair, Achievement Celebration, and more! If you have an idea on how you want to change your community or 4-H, we want you!

Please apply: <https://tinyurl.com/4HAmbassadorApp> to the Extension Office (lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) by Midnight, Tue. Oct 1, 2024.

Those already in the program need not apply, please notify Emily if you plan on discontinuing!

## Membership Evaluations (ME) Forms Due

**WHO:** Grades 3+ (completed 2nd) who plan on attending state or national trips

This form highlights your 4-H experience so that the 4-H Leader's Association can confirm scholarships for your travel! Some trip applications start right away September 1st, so if you have plans to travel during the 2024-2025 program year, get your ME form ASAP. Or if your trips are later, please get your form in to the Extension Office (lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org) by Midnight, Tue. Oct 1, 2024.

To get your form, visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMEForm>

## extras >>>

## Record Book Deadline

A record book is a traditional 4-H method of reflecting on the past year's accomplishments. What goals did you set out to accomplish? Did you meet them or change them?

Record books submitted to the county are eligible for pins and lanyards – and they often are a requirement for additional opportunities like Citizen Washington Focus and the Outstanding Cloverbud award.

Before fair gets too far in the past, print out these sheets, fill them out, attach some pictures and you could open up some doors for next year!

**Record books are due in the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, Sept 5, 2024.** For record book templates, forms and rubrics, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HRecordbook>.

# 2024-2025 enrollment >>>

4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025 OPENS SEPT 1, 2024

- One adult volunteer in each club and group needs to be approved in 4-H Online prior to meeting.
- Enroll by December 1, 2024 if you don't want to miss any Cloverlines mailed to your house.
- Enroll by April 1, 2025 if you want to exhibit in the 2025 La Crosse Interstate Fair
- Enroll right away if you plan on any 4-H travel experiences.

## 2024 Craft Fair

**Date:** Sat. Oct 12, 2024

**Time:** 9am – 3pm (set up/take down 30 min prior and post)

**Location:** Onalaska Omni Center (255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska)

**Room:** Conference room to the right of entrance

Exhibitors should sign up by **September 30, 2024**. Rules, guidelines and registration for a table is here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HCraftFair>



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at the Omni Center  
255 Riders Club Rd,  
Onalaska WI

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## animal sciences >>>

### Horse Project Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, August 15th, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:30PM \*\*\*\*\*NEW TIME!!!!\*\*\*\*\*  
**Location:** La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

### WI County Classic

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2024  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.  
**For:** Horse Project Members Grades 3-13  
**Location:** La Crosse Fairgrounds

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://tinyurl.com/4HWICountyClassic>

For questions – please contact Jennifer Lakey at 608-799-2480 or [wi4hcountyclassic@gmail.com](mailto:wi4hcountyclassic@gmail.com)

## 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.

**ambassador application:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HAmbassadorApp>

**ME forms:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HMEForm>

**fair clerk signup:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HClerks2024>

**craft fair:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HCraftFair>

**WI county classic:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HWICountyClassic>

**cloverbud day camp:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HCloverbudDayCamp>

**annual financial reports:** <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HAFR>

## 2024-2025 Event Dates

- 7-31 to 8-02-2024: Summer Camp
- 08-17-2024: Cloverbud Day Camp
- 10-12-2024: Craft Fair
- 1-04-2025: Archery & Pellet Gun Program Begins
- 4-05-2025: Archery Invitational



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# CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP

AUGUST 17TH, 2024

Grades K-2 | 11am-4pm  
Rockland Village Park

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER:

[tinyurl.com/4HCloverbudDayCamp](https://tinyurl.com/4HCloverbudDayCamp)



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# exciting opportunities >>>

## 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Co-Hosted by Monroe County & La Crosse County Youth Leaders!

**Theme:** 4-H Grows Here! We'll learn all about the life cycle of plants, and what they need to thrive in lots of hands on and interactive ways. Deadline to register is Monday, August 12th.

**Date:** Saturday, August 17, 2024

**Time:** 11am - 4pm

**Location:** Rockland Village Hall/Park (105 Center St, Rockland, WI)

**Cost:** \$10/ea youth

**Age:** K-2nd graders (completed)

**Limit:** 40 youth

**\*Please bring a water bottle & towel. Prepare to get messy and wet!**

Lunch will be served: Walking Tacos (which includes: ground beef, cheese, tomato, lettuce, sour cream, and corn chips), cutie and dessert. Your youth can assemble based on dietary need or choice, however, please bring a bagged lunch if more is needed, nothing will be refrigerated.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HCloverbudDayCamp> - please mail/drop off payment to secure your spot to: La Crosse County 4-H Ambassadors, 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601. Checks can be written to 4-H Ambassadors.

## august 2024

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4	5	6	7	8 Leaders Board Meeting	9	10
11 Ambassador Meeting	12	13	14	15 Horse Project Meeting	16	17 Cloverbud Day Camp
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 WI County Classic
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