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

2024-2025 enrollment

4-H ENROLLMENT FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS OPENS SEPT 1, 2024



YOUTH

Youth should enroll right away if you plan on any 4-H fall travel experiences.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

One Adult in each club or group needs to be approved prior to October meeting.



CURRENT 4-H'ERS:

The step by step guide on how to re-enroll can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollmentguide/>.

It is important that you do not create a new profile - your family information rolls over from year to year.



FAMILIES

Enroll right away to so your clubs/group know your intent to participate in 4-H and you won't miss meeting/event reminders and invites.

Enroll by December 1, 2024 if you don't want to miss any mailed Cloverlines.

Enroll youth by April 1, 2025 if anyone wants to exhibit in the 2025 La Crosse Fair.



NEW 4-H'ERS

The step by step guide with screenshots on how to enroll for the first time can be found online at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4hresources/4-h-online-2-0-family-enrollment-guide/>.

volunteer section >>>

2024 Charters Due

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 12th, 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)

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!

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 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>

Adult Volunteers

There are so many types of volunteers needed to have a successful 4-H program. We need activity leaders, club leaders, chaperones, financial managers, leaders board committee members, etc. If you would like to become a certified 4-H volunteer, we'd love to have you! Just follow the steps below:

CURRENT VOLUNTEERS:

- Re-enroll in 4HOnline. Instructions for returning volunteers are online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Background checks will be requested of you every 4 years. If it's your year – please follow up with the HireRight email that comes to you.
- Supporting You, Supporting Youth – is a 10 minute training refreshing everyone on Title IX reporting requirements and procedures.

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

- Create your enrollment profile in 4HOnline. Instructions can be found online at <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/volunteers/>.
- Submit to a state conducted background check. An email will come to your inbox about a week after you submit your 4HOnline profile.
- Complete these required trainings:
 - Mandated Reporter
 - Building Safe Spaces
 - Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)

IGNITE YOUR SPARK FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Join the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council for a statewide service project

We invite your 4-H club to give back to your community. Start thinking about ways your club can volunteer.

Sign up for Service Projects:



<https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>



Stay tuned for more National 4-H Week activities



National 4-H Week Service Project

Date: Sunday, September 8th, 2024

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Join WLC to talk about service projects, how to report your impact and other National 4-H Week activities!

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) invites your club to join us in a statewide service project for National 4-H Week!

Plan a service project during this week to give back to your community and to celebrate National 4-H Week!

Register for the zoom at this link: <https://go.wisc.edu/cv99m2>.

Register your club's service project here: <https://go.wisc.edu/n8v617>.

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Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

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

We'll be welcoming any new members to this meeting, and discussing what goals we have for the year, along with deciding on what things we can do for fun!



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>

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>.

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 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!

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>



The poster features a background of various craft supplies like paintbrushes, palettes, and bottles. The main text is in large, bold, yellow and red fonts. It includes the date and time of the event, the location, and a sign-up deadline. There are also logos for the University of Wisconsin-Extension and the La Crosse County 4-H program.

4-H craft fair
SAURDAY. OCTOBER 12TH
9:00AM to 3:00PM
at the Omni Center
255 Riders Club Rd,
Onalaska WI

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animal sciences >>>

Horse State 4-H Gymkhana

Date: Saturday, September 7th, 2024
Location: West Allis State Fair Park

Horse State 4-H Horse Expo

Date: Saturday, September 13th-14th, 2024
Location: West Allis State Fair Park

Rabbit Fair Winners

Overall Grand Champion: Alexis Vidden
Overall Reserve: Jude Heiring
Grand Pet: Amelia Bjornson
Reserve Pet: Abigail Miles
Beginner Showmanship: Isabella Michel
Intermediate Showmanship: Kayla Morrison
Senior Showmanship: Caleb Casperson
K-2 Color Contest Champion: Madison Schmidt
3-5 Color Contest Champion: Grant Crammond
Costume Contest: Amelia Bjorson

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

- 9-17-2024: Pumphouse Exhibit Opening
- 10-12-2024: Craft Fair
- 1-04-2025: Archery & Pellet Gun Program Begins
- 4-05-2025: Archery Invitational

exciting opportunities >>>

ADVANCED SPACE ACADEMY!
U.S. SPACE & ROCKET CENTER
2025!

REGISTER:
SEPT. 4-30

GRADES:
10-12

TRAVEL DATES: FEB. 15-22

**A MINIMUM OF 36 YOUTH
ARE REQUIRED FOR THE
EXPERIENCE**

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

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Advanced Space Academy

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to announce details for the 2025 Advanced Space Academy! Advanced Space Academy will take place from February 15-22, 2025, and youth will travel to Huntsville, AL via coach bus and get the opportunity to train like an astronaut, learn team building skills at the Space Camp Challenge Course, participate in SCUBA diving at the underwater astronaut trainer, and learn a ton more about Space and STEM!

You can see additional program details on Space Camp's website. Registration is open to youth in grades 10-12 for the 24-25 4-H year, and the cost is \$2,700/per person. Registration will be open in 4HOnline from September 4-30, 2024. We hope to see you when we blast off in February!

For more information on Advanced Space Academy, please check out our website here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/advanced-space-camp/>. Additionally, you can reach out to Seth Harmann at seth.harmann@wisc.edu with additional questions.

Junior Science & Humanities Symposium

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) is a Department of Defense sponsored STEM program that promotes original research and experimentation in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at the high school level through competition at regional and national levels in eight core STEM areas.



JSHS is designed to challenge, engage, and publicly recognize students (Grades 9-12) conducting research in the sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Individual students compete for scholarships and recognition by presenting the results of their original research efforts before a panel of judges and an audience of their peers. Along with student presentations, organizers will include opportunities for career exploration, peer discussions, networking with STEM professionals, and fun and interactive group games and recreation.

Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan Regional Symposium Details:

The regional event will be held on January 18-19, 2025. The event is in person at Treehaven, a UW-Stevens Point nature and research center in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Both the lodging and meals are FREE for the participating students and chaperones. While off the beaten path, this location is central to students from both Wisconsin and Michigan. In an effort to offer this opportunity to more students, travel compensation will be available to participants.

The benefits of JSHS range from simply being around peers who are interested in exploring science and research to earning significant scholarships. The top presenters from each region get a paid trip to the National Symposium and a chance to compete for even more scholarships and awards. This year our region had 5 students present at Nationals and two of those students won national awards, a significant achievement all of them should be proud of!

Please visit our regional website where you can explore a bit more. <https://www.uwlax.edu/gel/ypc/jshs/>. The attached flyer also gives a good overview of what JSHS offers.



september 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Extension Office Closed	3	4	5 Record Book Deadline Pumphouse Deadline	6	7 State Horse Gymkhana
8	9	10	11	12 Leaders Board Meeting	13 State Horse Expo	14 State Horse Expo
15	16	17 Pumphouse Exhibit Opening Night	18	19	20	21
22 Ambassador Meeting	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Craft Fair Vendor Deadline					

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