



Cloverline

April 20th-26th

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

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April is home to Volunteer Appreciation Week. In my many years of working with volunteers, every type of educator, coordinator, or manager is left scratching their heads. There is no one solid good way to acknowledge all our volunteers in one week. To do it properly it takes an all-year effort.

Some want verbal acknowledgement, others want goodies, most just want time and money (resources we can't bestow all that often, unfortunately). Some want quiet recognition; others need roof-top shouts. Most just want to be heard and understood.

The simple fact is – we can't do this without you. We just can't. You are so important in your choices, the time you donate, the skills you share, the motivation you bring. You might not see the outcomes of your service yet, but others do. They see you and your commitment to your community and youth and while many won't express their gratitude, I do.

Yes, you do have a very important role here. And thank you for bringing your best self and doing it. It takes a lot of energy to commit to all the things you do, thank you for counting 4-H in the mix.

And for all you parents who aren't volunteers – yet, hehe – please find a moment to write a note or share a message with the volunteers in your club, community, life. They don't have to do the things they do, they choose to. And that's amazing.

Always grateful,



Emily A Crook

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volunteer section >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2025

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

Location: Hamilton Town Hall (N5105
Leonard St N, West Salem)

2025-2026 Budget will be proposed and voted on. We are gearing up for the 2025 fair season!

Food Stand - Day Chairs Needed!

A Day Chair is a volunteer who is willing to help clubs get settled in their shifts and be a go-to for clubs and food stand managers. This volunteer is willing to take one shift of 6 hours, and in return you get a free food stand meal!

We need 27 shifts covered – this is to ensure our food stand managers are not overworked, and our food stand runs smoothly. The more people we have sign up, the easier it gets!

Not sure if you have what it takes? We can provide training prior to the fair and answer any questions you may have.

For more details about the position and to sign up for a shift, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HLAXFoodStand> or contact the Extension Office at 608-785-9593 or lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

youth leadership

Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 27th, 2025

Time: 6:00-7:00pm

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

Discussing event award feedback, Logo contest, and summer plans!

La Crosse County 4-H Logo Contest!

The La Crosse County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a contest for any and all youth in La Crosse County 4-H. **We want you to design a logo for La Crosse County 4-H** so we can put it on T-shirts, hats, and other merchandise.

What do you need to do? Design a black and white image that is at least 8" x 8". Finer details and fine lines will get lost in the shuffle, stick to bolder designs. Nothing offensive, and can have the words La Crosse 4-H in them. If you don't have an official 4-H Logo – no worries, you can put a shamrock in where you want it to be, and we can insert it!

Have an image – are you ready? Email it to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org, with the file attached, subject line: La Crosse 4-H Logo. In the email share the artist's name, grade and club.

Deadline for submissions: May 15, 2025.

We will have the Ambassadors pick the top 3. And from there, we'll put those top three in the June Cloverline for everyone to vote! The winner gets free swag with their logo on it. The rest of us will have an opportunity to order La Crosse County 4-H merchandise this Fall!

animal sciences

Goat Showmanship Clinic

Date: Sunday, April 27th
Time: 1:00pm
Location: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

Horse Camp

Date: Saturday, May 17th
Time: 7:30am
Where: La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

Horse Project Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 17th
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Bangor First Responders Building

2025 YQCA

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

Who: Swine Livestock Auction Participants (required), Livestock Auction participants (optional, encouraged!)

How: ONLINE: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Cost: \$12 (you can request \$3 reimbursement from the Leader's Association with a completed certificate!)

When you complete your training, be sure to save a copy of your completion certificate and:

- Email it to lacroseyouthlivestock@gmail.com to meet your requirement for fair
- Email it to lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org IF you want \$3 reimbursed.

La Crosse 4-H Kickball Tournament

Kickball Tournament!

Date: Sat. May 31, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Location: West Salem Village Park

RSVP BY MAY 15, 2025

Have a team of 8-10 youth in grades 3+ ready? Or maybe you have one or two kids interested who want to join a team?

Each team needs one adult coach/contact. Or maybe you have half a team with an adult and are willing to connect with other youth? SIGN UP TODAY!

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HLAXKickBall> to register. Kickball rules are also linked in the form and will be sent out to all teams prior to the event.

Have questions or want to be an umpire? Reach out to Emily at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593.



La Crosse County 4-H
ARCHERY INVITATIONAL

Participants do not have to be 4-H members, nor do they have to live in La Crosse County. For youth that participated in the annual Archery & Pellet Gun Program in January through March, participation in this separate invitational is free. For all other participants, there is a \$10 fee.

For More Information, and to register, visit: tinyurl.com/4H2025ArcheryInvit

Or scan the QR code!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH Please contact the Extension La Crosse County office with questions at:
AT ARCHERY COUNTRY LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593

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Swag!

NEW COLORS AND ITEMS ADDED!!

La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports program is offering merchandise once again!

This link is where you go: 4hshootingsports.com

Share it with family and friends – it makes great holiday, graduation and birthday gifts!



shooting sports >>>

Holmen Archery Program:

Youth will learn safety and shooting basics with support from trained program leaders. The experienced archer will also have the opportunity to refine their skills, too. Participants will practice in a fun, engaging way with the opportunity to compete in some friendly competitions. In addition, participation in this program will help youth fulfill the safety session requirements needed to compete in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Archery Tournament. Youth do not need to bring their own equipment for the Holmen Archery Program. All needed equipment is available for use.

For a copy of the registration form, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rnh7ymdf>. Registrations are due by Thursday, March 7th, 2025 by 4:30pm. Please direct any questions to the Extension Office at 608-785-9593. The Monday sessions will be offered at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We will offer the Sunday sessions at 8 am, 9 am, and 10 am.

These sessions will all be offered INDOORS at Arrows in the Square.

- Monday, April 21
- Sunday, May 4
- Monday, May 5
- Monday, May 12
- Sunday, May 18
- Monday, May 19

EXPRESSIVE ARTS 2025

Date: Sat. April 26, 2025
Time: 9:00am – 1:00 pm
(might end earlier)
Location: Blessed Sacrament School
(130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse)
Registration Deadline: March 17th

To Register and for performance rubrics and info: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HExpArts>

Share your performance skills in a number of ways – in plays/drama, poetry, storytelling, music performances or show off your art! We will have community members provide feedback on your performance. Any questions? Reach out to the office at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org or 608-785-9593.



Registration **IS OPEN!**

• **for campers:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4-H2025Area13SummerCamp>

• **for Counselors (Grades 9+, 18-20):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampCounselorApp>

Dates: Wed. July 30 – Fri. Aug 1, 2025
Location: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
Who: Grades 3-8
Cost: \$180 for community members, \$90 for 4-H members

The first 100 campers to sign up and make payment by June 1st, are guaranteed a spot at camp. Those who do not pay by June 1st are subjected to moving down the list. After June 1st, we start moving any wait-listed youth into spots!

• **Chaperones (Adults 21+):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampCounselorApp>

• **Chaperones (Adults 21+):**

<https://tinyurl.com/2025CampChaperoneApp>

Chaperones will receive one youth's fee waived!



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4-H



WOODWORKING WORKSHOP



Join us for an evening of simple, yet exciting woodworking projects. We will have separate tables based on grade level. This program is open to Cloverbud through 13th grade.

DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

LOCATION: CASHTON HIGH SCHOOL

TIME: 6-8:00 PM

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED, PARENTS CAN DROP OFF AND PICK UP THEIR YOUTH

YOUTH MUST WEAR CLOSE TOED SHOES

**IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING AT HOME, PLEASE BRING OTHERWISE, WE WILL PROVIDE:
SAFETY GLASSES, MASK FOR SANDING, HEARING PROTECTION**



MUST REGISTER BY: APRIL 4



WISCONSIN 4-H

SUMMER ACADEMY

JUNE 16-19, 2025
OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 8 - 11

\$600 per youth

**Register through 4Honline,
open March 17th!**

For more info:
<https://go.wisc.edu/4hsummeracademy>







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