

# Cloverline

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

June 2025

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## Hope is NOT a thing with feathers...

June is a massive month of anxiety for me. Preparations for fair, for birthday parties, annual family traditions, and just general worry for how it's all going to go, have me all tied up in knots. I've had gatherings as of late with some very spiritual women and we discussed the concept of Hope, and what it looked like to us.

There's one poem that states Hope is the Thing with Feathers (Emily Dickinson), and another artist, Caitlin Seda that states that is absolutely NOT it – Hope is a Sewer Rat.

Sometimes hope is all you have in a situation. And in that case, it does NOT look sparkly. It's mostly torn up, tattered, dirty, stained, but there and with that comes a source of strength. Sometimes it DOES glitter and flash in anticipation, and for some, it's somewhere in between.

For me, it's despite all the anxiety I have about the food stand this summer, I witnessed the Leaders Board absolutely brimming with inspiration and excitement at the last meeting. New food options, new resources, new possibilities. That little tattered piece of hope in me just caught a glimpse of sunlight.

Now – if we could get MORE people to join in that would be AMAZING.



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## youth leadership

### Ambassador Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, June 1st, 2025

**Time:** 6:00-7:00pm

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

## volunteer section

### Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 12th, 2025

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

**Location:** TBD

### 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 1, 2025. Failure to submit anything (a completed form, a requested extension, anything) will lead to termination of the club or group. You will need time for signatures from your youth treasurer and president. So plan now!** For the downloadable form, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HAFR>. For all that needs to be included please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/money-management/>

## food stand >>>

### Food Stand Helpers Needed

Besides signing up for a shift at fair, the food stand needs helpers BEFORE too! Come for the morning or just help when you can. Most of the time if we have enough helpers, we finish well before we need to. Set up usually involves light cleaning, reorganizing, preparation of things, etc. New Day Chair volunteers are welcome to come and help – get the lay of the land and what is expected!

**Sat. June 21, 8am-Noon**

**Sat. June 28, 8am-Noon (if needed)**

Plan on coming? Let us know! Email [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org).



### Food Stand DAY CHAIRS NEEDED - HELP!

We still need about 24 shifts covered for day chair positions. You do not need to have experience for this, just a willingness to learn and work. You get a free meal out of the deal, and it's ONE 6-hour shift.

If you sign up to be a day chair, you do NOT have to do an additional food stand position. Have questions? Reach out to Emily at [emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu) or Sue Kramer at [rskburro69@msn.com](mailto:rskburro69@msn.com). Please also visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/food-stand/> to review the position description and access the sign up form!

## animal sciences

### YQCA In-Person Training

**Date:** Wed. June 18, 2025  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$3/person  
**Location:** Multipurpose Room, West Salem Elementary (475 N Mark St, W. Salem)

Participants must pre-register and pay online to get credit for attending: <https://yqcaprogram.org>. On that site, sign in or create your account, seek out this training date and location, then register!

### Rabbit Showmanship Practice

**Date:** June 8th  
**Where:** Rowe Arena, Fairgrounds

Rabbit Project will be hosting a hands-on showmanship clinic and answering any questions about fair. Bring a rabbit to practice showmanship with.

### Horse Project Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 9th  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds

### Wisconsin State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinics

**Date:** June 27th–29th  
**Where:** Sheboygan County Fairgrounds  
Plymouth WI

### 2025 YQCA

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

**Who:** ALL Livestock Auction Participants (required)

**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](mailto:lacroseyouthlivestock@gmail.com) to meet your requirement for fair
- Email it to [lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org](mailto:lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org) IF you want \$3 reimbursed.



## 2025 Foods & Clothing Revue



### Foods Revue

**Who:** Youth grades K+ interested in showing plated food or decorating a cake

**Date:** Tue. June 17, 2025

**Time:** set up 5pm, Judging 5:30pm

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

**Register here:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodsRevue> by Monday June 9!

Youth interested in the Foods Revue should prepare to bring a small card table, tablecloth, table decorations, plate, utensils and one serving of the recipe they made. Youth also should show the recipe on a card or menu type format, be able to explain what is in the recipe, how ingredients work together, etc depending on the age of the youth. Cloverbuds put together a simple snack, older youth might do something more challenging. This recipe does not need to be warm/cool. Judges may take a taste, but that's at their discretion.

This is a fun event for kids to show their creativity with table display based on their recipe or cake, as well as being creative with their recipes, too! For more information you can also visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/> or reach out to the office (608-785-9593 or [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org)) with questions!



### Clothing Revue

**Who:** Youth grades K+ interested in sewing, styling, knitting or crocheting wearable items!

**Date:** Thurs. July 10, 2025

**Time:** set up 6:30 pm, Judging 7:00pm

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

**Register Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HClothingRevue> by Tuesday, July 1!

4-H members have a large variety of items they can show at the Clothing Revue! Make sure to keep a swatch of every fabric used in your piece(s) and a note that all exhibitors of this event are also required to participate in the Clothing Revue Fashion Show on Wed. July 16 at 5pm on the stage in the New Youth Building at the Fairgrounds.

Visit here for more information: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/foods-clothingrevue/> or reach out to the office (608-785-9593 or [lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org)) with questions!



## Dairy Breakfast - Help Needed

The St. Joe's Lions are hosting the La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast this year and they need YOUR help. Historically 4-H families help the dairy breakfast by assisting set up the Friday before the event, and by helping clean tables during the event. Are you ready to step up? Here's the info!

**Date:** Fri. & Sat. June 13th & 14th  
**Time:** Shifts Available  
(See sign up form)

**Location:** Fairgrounds, West Salem

**Signup:** <https://tinyurl.com/LaXDairyBkfstSignUp>

## 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.

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

**foods revue:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodsRevue>

**clothing revue:** <https://tinyurl.com/Lax4HClothingRevue>

**t-shirt voting:** <https://forms.gle/xRiRKErGbX36SaXb7>

**food stand sign up:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodStandSignUp>

**fair clerk sign up:** <https://tinyurl.com/LaXClerks>

## VOTE for Your Favorite T-Shirt Design!

The poll is here: <https://forms.gle/xRiRKErGbX36SaXb7> and open until June 20, 2025. We'll announce the winner in the July Cloverline, and you can start ordering shirts in August/September!

### HERE ARE YOUR OPTIONS:

**A. HANDS (Lenora S. | 5th grade | Salem Seekers)**



**B. EARTH (Jade A. | Grade 9 | Lucky Lakers)**



**C. SPLATTER (Lenora S. | Grade 5 | Salem Seekers)**





# la crosse interstate fair section

July 16th - 20th, 2025

## 2025 Important Fair Information

It is SO important that everyone knows that the La Crosse Interstate Fair is an event sponsored by a separate organization from 4-H. There are volunteers like superintendents and clerks, that function through the AG Society who also closely follows guidelines and requirements from the DATCP.

That means Fair exhibit sign up is different from 4-H Online project sign up. And you need to visit <http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com> to fill out all the information for your exhibits after June 1 and before June 28. It also means we should be kind and courteous to all those who are helping at the fair, the only people being paid for their time are the judges!

Questions or need to schedule a pick-up time? Reach out to Marla Stello, Fair Coordinator, at [stellomj@hotmail.com](mailto:stellomj@hotmail.com).

To the right are the dates for all the important fair deadlines!

**June 1:** All exhibition entry registration is open

**June 13:** Paper entry deadline

**June 14-27:** Paper entries accepted with \$10 late fee

**June 27:** Entry closes (paper and online) No changes and additions after June 27

**July 7:** Exhibit tags available for pick up – Farm Progress Bldg, Office

**July 8:** 5-7pm fair tag pick up available

**July 8:** Fair Clean Up 5pm-9pm – bring buckets and rags!

**July 15:** 6-8pm fair tag pick up available & exhibit drop off

**July 16:** 8am – Noon fair tag pick up available & exhibit drop off

**July 16-20: FAIR – HAVE FUN!**

**July 21:** Livestock Barn Cleanup

**July 31-Aug 10:** Wisconsin State Fair

**Aug 22:** Fair premium checks in office at Noon

## Food Stand Sign Up Time!

**SIGN UP HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodStandSignUp>

Clubs have staked their shifts, it's time to grab your spot at the food stand and ORDER UP! Club families are able to sign up within their club shift(s) through June 30, then we open it up to anyone who can fill it, regardless of club until fair starts.

The food stand is our primary fundraiser and helps fund our travel scholarships, county-wide events, senior scholarships, literature for youth, and all sorts of ways to make your 4-H experience better. Youth who are thinking of applying for scholarships will need food stand experience to qualify, so sign up today!

We have SO many resources for you to check out at our Food Stand Site, including a new training video for order takers, and other youth as well as helpful resources for youth to practice with. Visit: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/food-stand/>

## Fair Clerk Signup

What do fair clerks do? They help the judge of each department keep thoughts and exhibits organized. They write down who receives what ribbons, merit awards, and general feedback if necessary. It's a great way for kids to learn more about the fair process and that department as well as a great way to get some volunteer experience. If youth or adults are considering other positions at the fair like being a superintendent or a judge – this is a great way to start learning! If interested, fill out this form here: <https://tinyurl.com/LaXClerks>

## Clothing and Foods Revues

Both events will be held at the La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse), registration information in section on the previous pages.

**Clothing Revue:** Thursday, July 10, 6:00-7:30pm

**Foods Revue:** Tuesday, June 17, 5-8pm

## june 2025

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