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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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UW-MADISON EXTENSION
LA CROSSE COUNTY

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

The food stand was a huge success this year, mainly due to Sue Kramer and Eric Crammond. Without the two of them, oof. I honestly don't want to think about it. And also a huge shout out to Day Chairs: Carolyn Christopherson, Donna Hoelzen, Beth Piggush, and Dean Bloch. You all did some heavy lifting.

I'm grateful to all the families who worked so well together, laughed at the foibles, the heat, and the chaos, and relished in the opportunity for their kids to learn by doing in an overwhelming environment. SO much fun was had, and from that comes creative sparks!

The last shift in Stand 2 on Sunday, Lower Big Creek: Jackson, Tate and Hank. These young men got crazy with the Slushies. Come to find out they made some pretty cool concoctions, and I wanted to share them with everyone so you can see their ingenuity!

If YOU have slushy recipes to share – send them my way, let's put them up in the food stand and offer a mystery flavor option to our customers? So many ideas. Thank you for the memories!

Emily A Crook

Emily Crook
Positive Youth Development Educator
La Crosse County Extension

volunteer section

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 14th, 2025

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

Location: Hamilton Town Hall (N5281 State Road 108, West Salem)

We'll do a fair wrap up and prepare for Fall events, any program changes, and new leader board nominations. Interested in being on the board? We have some fun opportunities for growth this coming year, if you have the mission of youth at heart, want to see where our county program is headed, or have amazing ideas for growth, you are invited! 4-H members ages 14+ are always invited to meetings, those interested in joining the board are, too!

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/>

Club Award Deadline

WHO: Club Leaders and Officers

Deadline: Tues. Sept 30, 2025

We need to make ONE big order. The deadline is extended to give you more time to get the information you need. **All discs and certificates, etc, should be submitted by the Friday, September 6th at 4:30pm deadline.** Anything that misses the deadline will not be fulfilled until next year. Leaders were sent an email with instructions.

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 OPENS SEPT 1, 2025

- Two adult volunteers in each club and group need to be approved in 4-HOnline prior to meeting in October (September meetings are okay yet).
- **Adult volunteers re-enrolling, must be certified, completed with re-enrollment by Nov 1.**
- Youth enroll by December 1, 2025 if you don't want to miss any Cloverlines mailed to your house.
- Enroll by April 1, 2026 if you want to exhibit in the 2026 La Crosse Interstate Fair
- Enroll right away if you plan on any 4-H travel experiences.



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Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 24th 2025

Time: 6:00-7:00pm

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

We're electing 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.

2025-2026 Ambassador Applications Due

WHO: Grades 7+ who want leadership and service experience

Deadline: Sept 20, 2025 (soft deadline)

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, Cloverbud Day Camp, Achievement Celebration and more! Have an idea for an amazing program or event? You should be an Ambassador and make it happen!

Please visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/4HAmbassadorApp> to get more information and the application. All who apply are invited to be Ambassadors!

2025-2026 Membership Evaluations (ME) Forms Due

WHO: Grades 3+ who plan on attending state or national trips

Deadline: Sept 20, 2025 (soft deadline)

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 2025-2026 program year, get your ME form in ASAP! This form is a great resource for future resumes and scholarship applications outside of 4-H as well. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMEForm> for more information and to fill out the application.

slushy flavors

Galaxy:

- Grape (1 pump)
- Orange (1 pump)
- Blue Raspberry (1 pump)
- One sugar packet (for shimmer)
- Stir



Sunset:

- Orange (1/2 pump)
- Grape (1/2 pump)
- Extra slush



Venom:

- Grape (2 pumps)
- Blue Raspberry (2 pumps)
- Stir



4-H craft fair

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER
11TH**

9:00AM to 3:00PM
at the Omni Center
255 Riders Club Rd,
Onalaska WI

Conference room to right of entrance

Exhibitors should sign up by September 30, 2024. Rules, guidelines and registration for a table is here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HCraftFair>



Invitation from the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation for Day At The Lake

When: Sunday August 3rd, 2025 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Swarthout Park / Lake Neshonoc West Salem W3373 WI-16

Please feel free to contact Sherry Hougom, 608-792-1045, for more information and registration.

Day At The Lake event is the heart of the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation. Providing kids and families with positive opportunities to unite and bond with law enforcement agencies & civil service organizations while creating lifelong memories. The main event is a one-on-one fishing adventure with a Police Officer. Activities include a UNIQUE scavenger hunt, yard games, saw dust pile, face painting, Rotary Lights Kiddie Train, rock climbing wall, pet a K-9, to name a few. We have a grill master providing you with a delicious lunch. All boat operators are members of the community who generously volunteer their time and lake expertise. Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity members, local businesses, and loving community members generously donated time and funds to enable this spectacular event to happen.

I hope you can join us and hang out with the "Cool Factor", our law enforcement men and women.

You will experience what it means to "Live Sara Style, Bring Out The Best In Others". We're looking forward to sharing a Sara Style Smile with you!

Live **sara** Style
Bring Out the Best in Others

Mission:
Promoting violence awareness and prevention, in honor of Sara Rose Hougom, providing positive opportunities by uniting and supporting area youth with community members, businesses and local authorities, to facilitate a brighter, safer future.



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FOUNDATION

animal sciences

State Horse Association Meeting

Date: August 18th
Time: Meal: 5:30pm, Committee and Youth Board Meetings 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm
Where: Holiday Inn & Suites, Rothschild

Congratulations to the La Crosse County 4-H Drill Team!

They took 2nd out of 4 teams at the KMRR Drill Team Competition in Evansville, WI on June 28, 2025. This drill team has been building itself up and we are so proud of Emma Lubinsky, senior youth Horse project member, for leading them in this competition!



State Dog Agility Show!

Date: Saturday, October 11th
Time: Due Monday, September 1st
Where: Oshkosh Kennel Club, Oshkosh WI

More information and registration can be found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-agility-show/>. Entries are due Monday, September 1st.

Questions should be directed to the State 4-H Agility Dog Show Co-Chairpersons: Lisa Chochart at 920-255-3637 or Elizabeth Simonar: 920-536-0072.

Horse Project Meeting

Date: August 12th
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Fairgrounds

Fair Rabbit Winners 2025

Best of Breed Lops:

- Grand Champion: Alexis Vidden
- Reserve: Alexis Vidden

Holland Lop Broken:

- Grand Champion: Abby Miles
- Reserve: Caleb Casperson

Lionhead:

- Champion: Caleb Casperson

Netherland Dwarf

- Champion: Kayla Morrison
- Reserve: Abby Miles

Broken Mini Rex:

- Champion: Alaina Holthaus
- Reserve: Jayda Leis

Solid Mini Rex:

- Champion: Oliver Heiring
- Reserve: Jayda Leis

Any Other Fancy:

- Champion: Dylan Vidden
- Reserve: Kayla Morrison

Pet Class:

- Champion: Brynn Loring
- Reserve: Isabella Michael

Flemish Giant:

- Champion: Kayla Morrison
- Reserve: Bella Heath

Overall Grand Champion: Alexis Vidden

Overall Reserve Champion: Dylan Vidden

Junior Showmanship: Bella Heath

Intermediate Showmanship: Kayla Morrison

Senior Showmanship: Jayda Leis

Costume Contest: Isabella Michel

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Pump House Exhibition Submission Instructions

If you receive 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 9 – October 11, 2025. An artist's reception will be held at the Center on Tues. September 16 from 5:00–7:00 pm. With light refreshments. Bring your family to see your art displayed at a professional venue!

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 on the stage in the New Youth Building on Sunday, July 20, 2025 or bring it to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 4, 2025. 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!

Record Book Deadline

WHO: All 4-H members

Deadline: Tues. Sept 30, 2025

Page for Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HRecordbook>

Record books are a traditional way for 4-Hers to reflect on their projects and past accomplishments over the past year. What goals did you set out to accomplish? What did you learn from mistakes?

Record books submitted receive pins and lanyards – they are often a requirement for other opportunities like Citizen Washington Focus, and the Outstanding Cloverbud Award. New this year: no limit to number of project record books submitted per member!

WINNER T-Shirt Design Contest!

Your votes are in – the winner of our 4-H T-Shirt Contest is: **HANDS (Liam S. | 8th grade | Salem Seekers.)**



SAVE THE DATE

*Open House and free workshops &
experiences lead by RAD Artists*

SEPT 5TH | FRIDAY | 5PM - 9PM

OPEN BUILDING TOUR AND ARTIST STUDIOS

SEPT 6TH | SATURDAY | 10AM - 2PM

FREE WORKSHOPS AND EXPERIENCES

@ The Rivoli Arts District

123 4th St. N La Crosse, WI 54601

In downtown La Crosse next to the Historic Rivoli Theatre

Follow us on social media and sign up for
our newsletter for up to date information!



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.

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

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

ME Form: <https://tinyurl.com/4HMEForm>

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