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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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Processing, Can't Compute

Some days, I am an efficient beast. Completing menial tasks like they are going out of style. And other days, I need to embrace the 15 interruptions, or the waiting for someone to get back to me and just go where the day takes me. I put my goals down for those days; clearly the universe has other plans for me.

By now, you may have figured out that I LOVE IDEAS. I love the – shoulds, coulds, and wouldn't it be neat. I also am not the best at remembering these things if they come at me in an audible way, especially when I'm mid-stream in a task or project.

Which brings us to the fair! I love the fair! I love seeing people I haven't seen all year. I love the energy, the teamwork, the culmination of a year's work. And I love the ideas and thoughts that come when you see me! I just need those ideas written down somewhere. So, as Wade says, Nerd Alert! I'm wearing a QR code this year guys. Have an idea, I've got a form for that.

I don't mean to make any of this impersonal, this is just what I need to adequately tie the idea with the person. And to remind myself to act on it if I can! I also plan to send out an end-of-year programmatic survey to capture those thoughts, new ideas, etc in August.

We have new adventures we'll try in 2025-2026 – so let's figure it together, in type. HA.

Emily A Crook

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Positive Youth Development Educator
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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 deadline. Anything that misses the deadline will not be fulfilled until next year.

Membership discs and new member plaques will have a new look this year as we are using 5th Avenue for production.

2025 Clothing Revue

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) with questions!

youth leadership

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.

animal sciences

Horse Trail Clinic

Date: July 1st

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Fairgrounds

2025 Wisconsin State 4-H Hippology Contest

Congratulations to the following La Crosse County Horse Project members for placing at the Wisconsin State 4-H Hippology Contest!

Individuals:

- Top Ten - Tearnee Smith, overall score 22
- Top Ten - Brinley Smith, overall score 14

Teams:

- La Crosse County Team - Tearnee Smith and Brinley Smith.

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 to meet your requirement for fair
- Email it to lacrosecounty4h@lacrosecounty.org IF you want \$3 reimbursed.



la crosse interstate fair section

July 16th – 20th, 2025

Clothing Revue

Clothing Revue 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

State Fair and Pump House Selections at Fair

If your exhibit receives a Judges Choice rosette ribbon or a Pump House Exhibit ticket – we will offer tote drop off and exhibit transportation this year. Judges choice will need a tax form completed. Our office and the judges/superintendents will give you these forms as soon as possible. If you want Emily to take the items to the state fair on Monday (when they are due), drop off your item, with completed forms in the tote. Pumphouse tickets should be filled out as well, we need additional information that isn't on your fair ticket.

Food Stand Update!

It's time to grab any open shift in the food stand! If you are unable to work during your club shift, then sign up for any openings available. Reminder that working at the food stand will help with any future scholarship applications. The food stand is our primary fundraiser that keeps our program running smoothly, and keeps your membership dues low! Youth AND adults are needed. Visit here to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/4HFoodStandSignUp>.

Fair Reminders

Please keep a record of all your exhibits and pick them up promptly at 5pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025 from the buildings in which they were displayed. Any exhibits left will be tossed. We will not be taking anything back to the office, unless it is designated Pumphouse Exhibit, State Fair Judges Choice exhibit, or arrangements have been made and we are notified.

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-HOnline 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.

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

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

Foods Revue Results

We had SO many amazing participants at the Foods Revue this year! Here are the results:

Class F Item 1 Cloverbuds:

- Jonah Clark, K, Bangor Township: **Cloverbud**
- Isaiah Rozman, K, Home Runners: **Outstanding Cloverbud**
- Lauren Crook, K, Lucky Lakers: **Cloverbud**
- Silas Crook, 1, Lucky Lakers: **Cloverbud**
- Micah Rozman, 1, Home Runners: **Outstanding Cloverbud, Best In Show**
- Kira Miller, 2, Lucky Lakers: **Cloverbud**
- Isaac Clark, 2, Bangor Township: **Outstanding Cloverbud**
- Allison Katona, 2, Bangor Township: **Cloverbud**

Class F Item 2 Exploring (Grades 3-4):

- Mariel Foley, 3, Mormon Coulee: **Blue, Best In Show, Merit**

Class F Item 3 Foods (Grades 3-4):

- Summer Rozman, 3, Home Runners: **Blue**
- Ella Miller, 4, Lucky Lakers: **Blue, Merit**

Class F Item 4 Foods (Grades 5-6):

- Nolan Foley, 5, Mormon Coulee: **Blue**
- Brady Katona, 5, Bangor Township: **Blue, Merit**
- Caleb Clark, 6, Bangor Township: **Red**

Class F Item 5 Foods (Grades 7-8):

- Rosie Elsen, 7, Smith Valley: **Blue**
- Lynley Dunn, 7, Mormon Coulee: **Blue, Merit**

Class F Item 6 Foods (Grades 9+):

- Cecelia Maricle, 9, Home Runners: **Blue**
- Kate Fechner, 13, Mississippi Mud: **Blue, Best In Show, Merit**

Class F Item 7 Cake Decorating (Grades 3-5):

- Summer Rozman, 3, Home Runners: **Blue, Merit**
- Tearnee Smith, 5, Union Mills: **Blue, Best In Show, Merit**
- Amber Olson, 5, Home Runners: **Red**

Class F Item 8 Cake Decorating (Grades 6-8):

- Georgia Maricle, 7, Home Runners: **Blue, Merit**
- Rosie Elsen, 7, Smith Valley: **Red**
- Caden Olson, 7, Home Runners: **Blue**

Class F Item 9 Cake Decorating (Grades 9+):

- Kate Fechner, 13, Mississippi Mud: **Blue, Best In Show, Merit**

Fair Photographers

We are excited to report that there will be for the first time fair photographers at the fair this year. Selected photos will be displayed for free on the fair Facebook page and the fair website. A couple of the photographers will also be offering pictures for purchase and one of the photographers will be offering (for purchase) mini photo shoots with any exhibitors who may want senior photos done or just a fun shoot in general at the fair. They may also get photos done with their exhibits/animals. Please reach out to the following photographer if interested in scheduling a photo shoot during fair week. Any questions or further information can be addressed to Carlie Scriver at carlie.scriver@yahoo.com.

- Sarah Schulz Photography - sarahschultzphotography@gmail.com, 608-385-1459 (Will provide senior photo shoots or mini shoots on the fairgrounds for purchase - dates and times TBD but will be during fair week.)

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>

2025 4-H & Fair Goosechase is ON!

Visit <https://goosechase.com> to see how you can download the app on you phone. Get your team ready (or you can play individually, too) and find our game with this code: **7EKQWA**. The first questions drop at 8:00 pm on Tues. July 15 (so you get a chance to prepare your strategy the next day) and more are released throughout the fair. Prizes are provided by the La Crosse 4-H Ambassadors and awarded to the top three with the highest score and most correct responses: \$100 Amazon gift card, \$50 Target gift card, and merchandise from the 4-H store. Good luck!

extras >>>

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!

NEW Statewide 4-H Awards>>>

State 4-H Volunteer Awards:

Wisconsin 4-H wants to highlight and reward our vast group of statewide volunteers. No matter the role or time they give each volunteer is amazing and our programs would not be the same without them. Three new awards have been developed to recognize outstanding volunteers in your county programs: Emerging Volunteer of the Year (1-5 years of service), Outstanding Club Leader of the Year, and Outstanding Project Leader of the year. Find more information here: State 4-H Awards – Wisconsin 4-H, application through 4HOnline. Deadline is August 1st.

Wisconsin 4-H Top 10 Key Award Program:

Key Award winners represent the best of the best in Wisconsin 4-H and we want to elevate this award to the next level. County Key Award winners will have the opportunity to apply for a state level Key Award competition. All applicants will receive a state award and be invited to an award ceremony. From these applicants the state will choose the Top 10 Key Award recipients annually. The Top 10 winners will be highlighted via media/social media (including picture and bio) and will receive a special state award. Find out more information here: State 4-H Awards – Wisconsin 4-H, application through 4HOnline. Deadline is August 1st.

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.)**



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/>

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

fair goosechase: <https://goosechase.com>

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

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

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

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

food stand >>>

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 or Sue Kramer at 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!

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