

# 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

4-H ENROLLMENT FOR ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS OPENS SEPT 1, 2025



## YOUTH

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



## FAMILIES

Enroll right away 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, 2025 if you don't want to miss any mailed Cloverlines.

Enroll youth by April 1, 2026 if anyone wants to exhibit in the 2026 La Crosse Fair.



## 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.



## 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-enrollmentguide/>.



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# volunteer section

## Leaders Board Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 11th, 2025

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

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

We are kicking off another fantastic year of 4-H! Soon we'll need people to step up and serve in a few positions starting in January:

- Vice President (3 yr term)
- Treasurer (2 yr term)
- Bangor Rep (1yr term)
- Holmen-Mindoro Rep (2 yr term)
- West Salem Rep (2 yr term)
- At Large Rep (2 yr term)
- At Large Rep (1 yr term)

Qualifications: Have a youth-centric mission at heart, be willing to enroll as a 4-H volunteer (you do NOT have to be a leader to be on the board), attend monthly meetings, help at events as able, and offer your insight and wisdom!

Meetings are usually 1-2 hours. We have some exciting things coming up, so let me ([Emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:Emily.crook@wisc.edu)) know if you're interested and we'll get you on the list!

## 2025 Charters Due

4-H Clubs and Groups must renew their charter annually through completion of the Charter Application Process by November 1, 2025. 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 and involves SMART goals for your club and group. Leaders and Youth Officers, please visit: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/> to complete this requirement!

## Club Award Deadline

**WHO:** Club Leaders and Officers

**Deadline:** Friday, Sept 5, 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 5th at 4:30pm deadline.** Anything that misses the deadline will not be fulfilled until next year. Leaders were sent an email with instructions.

## Food Stand Feedback Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, September 4th, 2025

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Food Stand - at Fairgrounds (West Salem)

Have feedback to offer, or ideas to share? Come to our feedback meeting on Sept 5th! We also will be assembling a committee of interested people to put together a proposal. If you'd be interested in helping with building modifications or proposals, grant proposals, etc, please reach out to Sue Kramer: [rskburro69@msn.com](mailto:rskburro69@msn.com).

## extras >>>

### 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!

## 4-H VOLUNTEER

## RE-ENROLLMENT UPDATES

### ☀ A New 4-H Year is Just Around the Corner! ☀

We're getting excited for the 2025-26 4-H year — and we've got a few updates to share with our volunteers before re-enrollment opens in September.

#### 4-H Online Updates:

The 4-H Online system will be going through its annual year-end processing during the weekend of **August 29th**. (Counties can add specific re-enrollment start dates here once the system rollover is complete.)

#### ✓ New Volunteer Training Process:

This year, when you log in to re-enroll, you'll be able to complete your **2025-26 Volunteer Training** right in your 4-H Online profile — no extra links or websites needed! Prefer a paper version? No problem — just reach out to your local Extension office, and they'll get one to you.

#### Background Checks:

Background checks are required every two years. If you're due, 4-H Online will prompt you to start the process when you re-enroll. After you submit your enrollment, keep an eye on your inbox for an email from **HireRight** to complete your background check. (Be sure to check your spam folder.)

#### Important Deadlines:

According to our updated Wisconsin 4-H volunteer re-enrollment policy:

- **Enrollment is due by November 1**
- **Complete your training and background check (if needed) by December 1**

These steps are required for you to be an approved volunteer. If they're not completed on time, you will not be allowed to lead programming with 4-H youth until everything is up to date. We truly appreciate your commitment to creating safe, positive spaces for our youth. Getting your re-enrollment done early helps make sure all our programs are supported by approved, ready-to-go volunteers like you!

## youth leadership

### Ambassador Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, September 28th 2025

**Time:** 6:00–7:00pm

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

### 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.

## national opportunities

### REMINDER - Application for Citizens Washington Focus and Ignite by 4-H are open September 4th – 29th, 2025!

As previously announced, CWF in 2026 is moving to March to be a part of the Ignite by 4-H conference. Applications are made through 4HOnline, and are open to youth in grades 10-12. The cost is \$2,800 per youth for CWF and \$2,500 per youth for Ignite.

#### CWF @ Ignite – March 24-29, 2026

Citizenship Washington Focus, or CWF for short, is the premier week long 4-H citizenship and leadership experience. CWF brings 4-H delegations from all over the country to stay in Washington D.C., our Nation's Capital! Participants learn about the roles of Senators and Representatives in the United States' government and how these parts work together to form an effective Congress. Additionally, youth get to see and experience government in action by meeting with their State's members of Congress and watching a House of Representatives meeting.

#### Ignite by 4-H – March 25-29, 2026

For four days, teens from all over the country come to Washington D.C to collaborate, connect, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds and their world – becoming resilient and ready for everything life has to offer. Teens will immerse themselves in hands-on workshops, experiences, activities in their key programming areas of Agriscience, Animal Science, Community Accelerators, CWF @ Ignite, Healthy Living (featuring soccer), or STEM to continue to find their spark. With the addition of public speaking, career and life readiness, and presentation workshops, teens will be able to apply what they learn to their own lives and take a step forward to become Beyond Ready for the future.

## 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!

### 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.)**





## animal sciences

### State 4-H Gymkhana

**Date:** September 6th  
**Where:** West Allis State Fair Park

### State 4-H Horse Expo

**Date:** September 12th-14th  
**Where:** West Allis State Fair Park

### Horse Project Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15th  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Where:** Bangor First Responders

### 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.

## FILM ACADEMY FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMING

### IN-SERVICE DAYS

During the 2025-2026 school year, the Film Academy and Rivoli Theatre will offer activities for students during La Crosse School District's in-service and "no school" days.

#### What is included:

- Film games and activities
- Arts and crafts
- A kids movie shown in the Rivoli Theatre!

#### 2025 in-service days:

- September 26th
- October 3rd
- October 6th
- November 7th

*\*in partnership with the Rivoli Theatre*



## FILM ACADEMY FALL CLASSES

This Fall the Academy will be offering the following classes and workshops



- Acting for the Camera
- Screenwriting: Writer's lab
- Film Club
- And more!

Follow us on social media or check your inbox for up to date information!

## Important Dates 2025-2026

**9-10-25 through 10-12-25:** 4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pump House

**9-16-25:** Artist's Reception, Pump House

**10-11-25:** Craft Fair, Omni Centr

**11-08-25:** Faison Field Trip, SoHe, UW-Madison

**01-03, 01-17, 01-31, 02-14, 02-21, 03-07-26:** Archery & Pellet Gun Program, Omni Center

**02-07-26:** Clover College, Bangor Elementary

# state fair winners!



**Kate Fechner**



**Alex Kunce**



**Jason Vik**



**William Schnick**



**Grant Crammond**



# 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>

## 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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HEART

HANDS

HEALTH

# september 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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