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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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Ring in 2026 with Change

Happy New Year!

For those who are not familiar with me - Hi! I'm Kasey, I have been with the Extension office for 7 years, and the 4-H program specifically for 6 years.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for all of the 4-H community members who have reached out to me during this difficult time. It has truly meant the world to me to feel so supported by club members and leaders alike.

My time with the Extension and 4-H office has been full of opportunities to get to know so many of you personally. Seeing 4-H members grow from Cloverbuds into talented and hardworking youth has warmed my heart and is truly inspiring.

2025 was a year of challenges for not only me, but also in our 4-H community - I am so proud of how much we have accomplished this year. 2026 is bringing change with it, and unfortunately part of that change is my departure from the 4-H and Extension Office for a new and exciting opportunity.

I am looking forward to this new journey, and also sad to be leaving the 4-H office. I will always look fondly upon my years here with the 4-H program, and don't worry - I'll still be around for Clover College, and any other events Emily needs a spare volunteer for!

Thank you all for being such a safe and rewarding space for these past six years.

This isn't Goodbye, it's See You Soon!

I'll Miss You!
Kasey Burg

volunteer section

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 8th, 2026
Time: 6:45 p.m. (Open Forum)
7:00pm (meeting)
Location: Hamilton Town Hall (N5281 State Road 108, West Salem)

We'll start the year off with our newly elected board (3 positions are still available; stop by to check them out!) determining what strengths and weaknesses our county program has.

youth leadership

Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 11th, 2025
Time: 6:00-7:00pm
Location: La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse)

We are meeting to determine what activity to do later in the month. 4th Sunday meetings should resume in February.

animal sciences

WI State 4-H Horse Association Meeting

Date: January 9th-10th, 2026
Where: Holiday Inn & Suites, Rothschild WI

Friday Meal 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Committee Meetings | Saturday 9:00am
Committee & Youth Board Meetings
| Saturday Meal 11:00 am | Saturday
Noon - Board of Directors Meeting

Email wi4hhorsesecretary@gmail.com
for meal reservation/s by December
15th - include name and reservation for
Friday &/or Saturday meal.

Horse Project Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 14th, 2026
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Bangor First Responders

Goat Project Meeting

Date: Sunday, February 22nd, 2026
Time: 3:00-5:00pm
Where: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church, Holmen WI

Dog Project Holiday Meeting

Date: January 18th, 2026
Where: West Salem American Legion
148 Leonard St West Salem

We will be making dog toys for the Humane Society, eating pizza and playing games. If project members would like to bring a dog toy/treats priced at \$5 or less we will also do a gift exchange.

upcoming experiences >>>



ArtBEAT!

When: Saturday & Sunday, March 14-15, 2026 (9 AM Sat. - 12 PM Sun.)

Where: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Youth registration: Tiered Pricing - \$125, \$150, \$175; Adult chaperone: \$75. Visit: go.wisc.edu/ArtBEAT for more information or 26wi4hartbeat.4honline.com to register now!

4-H ArtBEAT! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H expressive arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. ArtBEAT! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience different art forms in a camping environment at the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells. ArtBEAT! The event offers a taste of several arts projects including music, visual arts, Theater, and more!

Youth participants will rotate through a variety of hands-on sessions held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors (be sure to dress accordingly).

Parents are not required to attend but are encouraged to participate as enrolled volunteers.

2026 Summer Camp!

Date: Wed. July 29-31, 2026

Location: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

It's time to assemble our Chaperones and Counselors again! If you know you want to help make the 2026 Summer Camp experience memorable and amazing, please reach out to Emily at Emily.crook@wisc.edu.

Counselors are youth currently enrolled in 9th and above grades. Chaperones are adults older than 21. Adults between 18-21 can participate as counselors or chaperones if their group is young enough! Bonus incentive: Adults who chaperone with youth who attend, receive one entire camp fee covered for a youth.

Last year, La Crosse had 21 campers, 4 adult chaperones, and 3 counselors, too! We camp with Area 13 counties - Monroe, Vernon, Crawford & Richland. In total we had a full camp at 136 people. Last camp's theme was the 4-H Undercover, and groups had various competitions for points, including guessing the red spy. It was so much fun and went so well because we had so much adult help. I'm hoping we continue our strong camp vibe into 2026!

Still to come:

Watch for these annual experiences soon to appear in 4-HOnline! All of them are eligible for scholarship through the Leaders Board as well.

- **Summer Academy** - for grades 8-11 at UW-Madison, June 14-18, 2026, estimated cost: \$600, Registration opens March 6

opportunities

We've got the La Crosse 4-H Shop up and running, so you can order apparel with a design from one of our very own 4-H members! You'll have to pick up your order from the shop - shipping is unavailable.

Visit here to order: <https://bbgraphics.net/shop/ols/categories/lax4h>



shooting sports

Winter Archery Program

****Registration is closed****

When: Saturdays: January 3rd, 17th, & 31st, February 14th & 21st**, ****please note February's sessions are back to back saturdays, not every other****, March 7th

Time: 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m

Where: Onalaska Omni Center (255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska)

Arrows In The Square

When: Sundays: April 12th, 19th, and 26th, May 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 2026

We will have sessions at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 am. Also, new this year! We will be running the pellet gun program at the same session times, as the archery. Arrows in the Square has two sides so we can run the programs simultaneously. Registration will be in February's Cloverline!

Swag!

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!

CLOVER COLLEGE 2026

- **Date: Saturday February 7th, 2026**
- **Time: 8:45am - 2:00pm**
- **Location: Bangor Elementary School (701 14th Ave S, Bangor WI)**

What is it? Come join us for the day and learn something new! All youth can attend class sessions to explore various project areas and complete hands-on experience. This is a day of dabbling brought to you by 4-H youth and volunteers from the community who want to share their favorite things!

Registration will be done via paper, one copy is included in this newsletter, and extra are available here: <http://tinyurl.com/mr4hchb6>. Registration and payment are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2026 - no refunds will be given after the deadline.

Classes will be filled on a first-come, first served basis, AND spots are only held once payment is received by the Extension Office. Payment can be mailed or dropped off at: La Crosse County 4-H, 212 6th St N, Suite 2200, La Crosse, WI 54601

We hope to see you there!

Lunch is Served!

There will be a light lunch served at a concession stand during Clover College served by volunteer youth and families from the Home Runners 4-H Club. Please send youth with spending money if they would like to purchase lunch, snacks, or a beverage. \$8.00 should cover a lunch. Youth are welcome to pack their own lunches or leave with their parents to go off campus for lunch as well!

Parents Welcome!!

You will see some of our Clover College classes are welcome for Adults to attend with the kids, and in most cases, instructors welcome the additional supervision an adult can bring.

Do your Demonstrations at Clover College this year!

Demonstrations are an excellent way for youth to gain practice in public speaking with a large audience. Every year, we hold a pre-fair judging opportunity for youth to exhibit their demonstrations. In the fair book, these are listed in Dept 31.

To ensure a live audience for youth to present their exhibit, we're holding Demonstration judging during the lunch period of our Clover College event on Feb. 7th To see the options and what is needed for each demonstration, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4HCloverCollege>. Prepare to have a LOT of participants!

If your 4-H member wants to give a demonstration at Clover College, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/e1DtpCR9ZXqcWU6p9>. These presentations are eligible for ribbons and premiums if they are also presented during fair week. Also, most youth who complete these demonstrations are considered for additional awards as well. Consider doing one this year! If you have questions, please reach out to Emily Crook at emily.crook@wisc.edu.

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Scout Skills

Who: Grades K+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM,
1:00–2:00 PM

Cost: \$0

Learn an intro into wilderness and leave no trace skills like knot tying, ethics of nature, and camping/hiking!

Beginning Shooting Sports

Who: Grades 2+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$0

This class is intended for youth in second grade and above who are interested in learning more about archer and air rifle.

All equipment and safety equipment will be provided with an emphasis on safety. We will spend time learning about how to safely handle archery and air rifle equipment. After the safety instruction, youth will have the opportunity to try both activities. Youth will not be allowed to bring their own equipment. This class does not qualify for one of the required classes to compete at the archery tournament at the Fair.

Sewing Microwave Bags

Who: Grades 5+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$5

Students will learn to use a sewing machine measure and cut fabric, and make a microwaveable/freezeable rice filled bag (think heat pack/ice pack). Students can bring their own fabric if they want, and can bring their own machine to learn on, or borrow the ones provided.

Diamond Dot Coasters

Who: Grades 2+

Time Slot: 9:00AM–10:30PM

Cost: \$0

Each participant will make a diamond dot coaster from a kit.

Aerospace Intro

Who: Grades 3+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$0

You will experiment with whirligigs, balsa planes and gliders. Launch fizzy rockets as we discuss the force and motion principles of different aircraft.

Bead Imagination 1

Who: Grades 3+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM

Cost: \$5

Create a design on tile or make a wind chime.

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Wilderness First Aid Basics

Who: Grades 9+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$0

Come learn some wilderness first aid basics, like how to assess a scene and how to provide basic care.

Bead Imagination 2

Who: Grades 3+

Time Slot: 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Cost: \$5

Make bracelets and necklaces.

Music: Exploration in Composing

Who: Grades 3+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM,

Cost: \$0

Learn how to compose and produce music using GarageBand. We'll cover a bit of music theory, instrumentation, genres, and tips and tricks to hook your listeners.

Then we'll make an original song. New content and songs—great for both new and returning students!

YQCA

Who: Grades 3+

Time Slot: 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$0

Fulfill a requirement for fair! If you plan to participate in the auction of your livestock, get this off your list. Pay your \$3 with your Clover College payment, the office will send you a coupon code, then register your attendance online at yqcaprogram.org

Land Surveyors know where to draw the line!

Who: Grades 5+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30AM

Cost: \$0

Land surveyors help people to know where their property lines are on the ground. In this class you will learn to read simple legal descriptions and use some real surveying equipment. You will also see an examples of why surveys might need to be done. Weather permitting, we will take a short walk and use a metal detector to locate a property corner or two of the school boundary.

Ceramics

Who: Grades K+

Time Slot: 9:00–10:30 AM, 10:45AM–12:15PM

Cost: \$20

In this ceramics class, youth will learn a variety of techniques! Please dress appropriately. You will need to bring a shoebox and an old towel as well. Participants will paint a ceramic figurine of their choice to take home. Additional larger pieces will be provided at additional cost (up to \$15 additional). Please bring additional money if you'd like something larger.

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Valentines Cards

Who: Grades 2+

Time Slot: 9:00-10:30 AM, 10:45AM-12:15PM

Cost: \$0

Participants will make valentine greeting cards from kits.

Book Club

Who: Grades 5+

Time Slot: 1:00PM-2:00PM

Cost: \$0

We will be talking about the book Roll With It by Jamie Sumner - which is best suited for grades 5+. If you want to come to book club, but don't have time to read the book - that's okay!

Bring your favorite books to talk about. We will cover our favorite books, library programs, and maybe do a book swap at the end!

Bead Imagination 3

Who: Grades K-3

Time Slot: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$5

Make fairy garden stake and backpack key ring.

Camping Adventure Basics

Who: Grades 1-5

Time Slot: 1:00PM-2:00PM

Cost: \$5

What adventures do you enjoy as a "camper"? We will explore the basics of camping, what essential equipment is necessary and create a few "tools" necessary for a great camping experience.

Motion Potion

Who: Grades 2+

Time Slot: 1:00-2:00PM

Cost: \$0

What is a motion? Why do we vote? Motion Potion is a fun, interactive way for you to learn how club meetings can be organized to encourage discussion and make decisions. Learn how to be an active participant in your club meetings. Club officers will gain tips to better lead meetings.

Small Habits, Big Difference

Who: Grades 5+

Time Slot: 1:00-2:00 PM

Cost: \$0

In this class, youth and adults will learn ways to improve their life through small changes: movement, breathing, and mindfulness.

2026 Clover College Registration Form (front)

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

Drop off or mail registrations with payment to: La Crosse County UW-Extension
212 6th St. N, Suite 2200 La Crosse, WI 54601

Registration Due Thursday, January 29th, 2026. NO REFUNDS given after January 29th.

First: _____ Last: _____ Grade: _____

I am a: ☐ 4-H Member ☐ Community Member Birthdate: ____/____/____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Age: _____

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

Race: ☐ White ☐ Black/African American ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
☐ Asian ☐ Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

Event Rules:

I will start each class by sitting in a seat, waiting patiently for my teacher before touching anything, even if I have done this class before.

I will not take anything out of the classroom unless my teacher says it's okay to take.

I will not run or horseplay in the hallways between class sessions.

I will be respectful to my teachers and other volunteers I see throughout the day.

I will use my best listening skills throughout the day.

I will wear my nametag in a visible location for the day.

I will help keep the classrooms clean by picking up my own mess and making sure garbage makes it to a trash can.

Please go over these rules with your youth and have them sign their name below that they agree to abide by this year's Clover College rules:

Youth's Signature (printed or signed)

2026 Clover College Registration Form (back)

For each time slot, indicate your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice

****Please use a separate form for each participant. Additional forms are available at <http://tinyurl.com/mr4hchb6>****

9:00AM-10:30AM	Choice #	10:45AM- 12:15PM	Choice #	1:00PM-2:00PM	Choice #
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BEAD IMAGINATION Grades 3+ \$5		BEAD IMAGINATION Grades 3+ \$5		BEAD IMAGINATION Grades K-3 \$5	
AEROSPACE INTRO Grades 3+ \$0		AEROSPACE INTRO Grades 3+ \$0		SMALL HABITS, BIG DIFFERENCE Grades 5+ and Adults \$0	
BEGINNING SHOOTING SPORTS Grades 2-13 \$0		BEGINNING SHOOTING SPORTS Grades 2-13 \$0		MOTION POTION Grades 2+ \$0	
CERAMICS Grades K+ \$20		CERAMICS Grades K+ \$20		BOOK CLUB Grades 5+ \$0	
SEWING MICROWAVE BAGS Grades 5+ \$5		SEWING MICROWAVE BAGS Grades 5+ \$5		CAMPING ADVENTURE BASICS Grades 1-5 \$5	
WILDERNESS FIRST AID BASICS Grades 9+ \$0		WILDERNESS FIRST AID BASICS Grades 9+ \$0		<p>There will be a light lunch served at a concession stand during Clover College served by volunteer youth and families from the Home Runners 4-H Club. Please send youth with spending money if they would like to purchase lunch, snacks, or a beverage. <u>\$8.00 should cover a lunch.</u> Youth are welcome to pack their own lunches or leave with their parents to go off campus for lunch as well!</p>	
LAND SURVEYORS KNOW WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE! Grades 5+ \$0		YQCA TRAINING Grades 3+ \$3			
MUSIC EXPLORATION Grades 3+ \$0		VALENTINES CARDS Grades 2+ \$0			
DIAMOND DOT COASTERS Grades 2+ \$0					
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LA CROSSE COUNTY EXTENSION *If you are sending registration and payment via mail - send payment for most expensive combination of choices. You will be issued a refund at check in at event if needed*		4-H MEMBER: (\$1) COMMUNITY MEMBER: (\$5) SESSION FEES: \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____			

Important Dates 2025-2026

01-03, 01-17, 01-31, 02-14, 02-21, 03-07-26:

Archery Program, Omni Center

02-07-26: Clover College, Bangor Elementary

03-14 & 03-15: ArtBEAT!

04-12, 04-19, 04-26, 05-03, 05-17, 05-31:

Arrows In The Square Dates

06-14 through 06-18: Summer Academy

07-29 to 07-31-25: Summer Camp

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.

apparel form: <https://bbgraphics.net/shop/ols/categories/lax4h>

clover college registration: <https://tinyurl.com/LaX4HCloverInstructor>

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4	5	6 Kasey's Last Day in 4-H Office!	7	8 Leaders Board Meeting	9 WI State 4-H Horse Assoc. Meeting	10 WI State 4-H Horse Assoc. Meeting
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