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



April 2026

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Introducing.... ANDREA!

A big thank you to everyone who has been so patient and kind as we bid Kasey adieu. Most graciously, Andrea Thill, also an associate, stepped up to fill our 4-H Associate position.

Andrea is no stranger to 4-H – you’ve seen her at Clover College for years, the Northside 4-H program, and let’s not forget FAIR. She LOVES working with kids of all ages and has the brightest most caring personality you’ll ever see in these parts, and I love her style and vibe so much. I know you will, too.

Andrea would like to say, Hi, as well –

I have a passion for working with 4-H youth and love watching their interests and confidence grow. I’m drawn to all things bright and cheerful. I enjoy spending time outdoors, taking care of my plants and admiring my favorite flower, sunflowers. I grew up exploring land near Red Wing, Minnesota, and still feel most at home outside, especially during the summer months.

These days, I enjoy spending time with my husband, our dog, Maya, and our cat, Ophelia. We spend a lot of time at his family’s farm near Ettrick, Wisconsin, where I’ve grown to appreciate farm life even more, and dream of one day having my own pet cow. Outside of work, you’ll usually find me at bonfires, music festivals, camping, or simply spending time with loved ones. I’m also known for my loud and very distinct laugh, which tends to follow me wherever I go! :)

Welcome to our community Andrea! It’s going to be wild and fun ride!

Emily A. Crook

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La Crosse County Extension



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animal sciences

Horse Project Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 21st, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Bangor First Responders

Horse Camp Registration 2026 in Forms Section on page 7.

Midwest Horse Fair

Date: April 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2026

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Where: Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

Key Information:

- Gates open at 7:00 a.m. each day.
- Parking is included in your admission ticket.
- Children 7 & under are FREE!

All proceeds from the Fair are returned to the WHC and are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, to promote the equine through leadership, education, service, and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

Dog Project Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Where: Hamilton Town Hall (new building)
N5281 WI-108 West Salem, WI

This is a **MANDATORY MEETING**. If you are not able to attend, please email Lisa packgr@hotmail.com or Tia tia.gray2021@gmail.com. Please visit the Dog Project Site for forms: <https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/dog/>

Goat Project Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Halfway Creek Lutheran Church,
Holmen WI

Youth Ambassador Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: County Admin Center Rm 0430
(212 6th St N, La Crosse)

We will have our Madison Experience Report and plan our summer events.

Leaders Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026

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

Location: Hamilton Town Hall
(N5281 WI-108, West Salem)

We are still in need of 3 Board volunteers. You do not have to be a current volunteer to be on the Board, you don't have to be a leader, we just want anyone who has the youth development mission at heart and has ideas! Let us know if you are interested.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wisconsin 4-H

**SUMMER
ACADEMY**

JUNE 14-18, 2026

UW-Madison Campus

REGISTRATION OPEN
MARCH-APRIL 2026



shooting sports

Spring Archery & Pellet Gun Program

When: Sundays April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 17, 31 | Time: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., or 11:00 a.m.

Where: Arrows in the Square (N7681 Casberg Coulee Rd, Holmen)

Who: Youth in grades 3+ for Archery, Youth MUST be in grades 4+ for Pellet Gun

REGISTRATION CLOSES APRIL, 2ND 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.

Upcoming Events



2026 Summer Camp

Dates: Wednesday, July 29–31, 2026

Where: Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Campers: Grades 3–8; **Registration:** <https://tinyurl.com/20264HDriftlessCampReg>

Counselors: Grades 9+; **Application:** <https://go.wisc.edu/p664kf>

Chaperones: Ages 21+ (permissions can be granted to ages 18–21); **Application:** <https://go.wisc.edu/av5axg>

Here are all the dates for everything to do with Summer Camp:

- **March 16–June 1, 2026** Counselor and Chaperone Applications, Camp Registrations **OPEN** an email will go out to all eligible youth!
- We are taking the first 100 youth that sign up with payment, once June 1st comes and people have not paid the fee, their spot will be given to a youth on the waiting list.
- Chaperones – one child will have their camp fee waived.

You still need to register them AND YOU when registration opens. We are capping Chaperones and need everyone interested to apply so we can alert those who are accepted.

- Camp fees will remain steady this year to help offset food costs. Community member fee is \$180, 4–H youth fee is \$90. Chaperones and Counselors are free.
- **Tuesday, June 9, 2026** – Counselor Training In-person – this is when our theme is chosen.
- **Wednesday, July 1, 2026** – Pre-camp zoom for all families, counselors, chaperones, and staff
- July 29, 30, 31 – SUMMER CAMP!

Have questions? Ask Emily – 608.785.9761 or emily.crook@wisc.edu.

IN NEED OF COUNSELORS & CHAPERONES!!



Expressive Arts 2026



Date: Friday, April 24, 2026

Time: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Where: Olivet Church on French Island (2100 Bainbridge St, La Crosse–French Island)

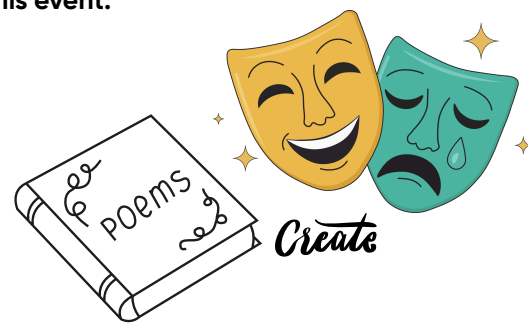
This event is moving away from a solo-ensemble framework and embracing a more talent-show focus. All performances will be on one stage, one at a time, for the full audience. Judges will have a more flexible rubric to follow. Mainly pay attention to performance times, so we can keep the show moving at a good pace, stretch your talent however you need to, have fun and do your best!

Note: we have discontinued the Art/Photography section for this event.

Event information and registration:

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 16, 2026



Clothing Revue

Dates: Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 p.m.

Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center
– Atrium (212 6th Street North, La Crosse, WI)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4hu732y9>



The purpose of the 4-H Clothing Revue is to help youth:

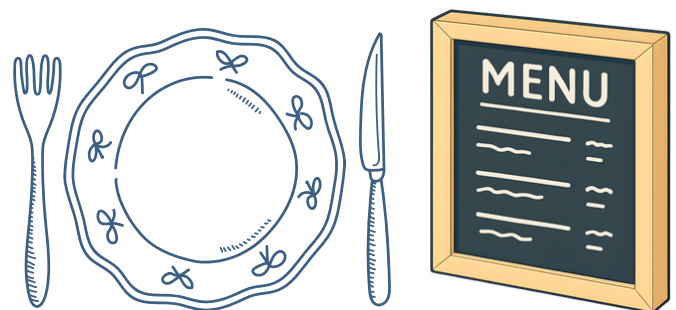
1. Build self-confidence and poise;
2. Make and model a garment that is needed in the wardrobe; and
3. Share knowledge and skill learned through 4-H Constructed Clothing Revue participation with others

Foods Revue

Dates: Tuesday, June 30, 5 p.m.

Where: Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center – Atrium 212 6th Street North, La Crosse, WI)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/52se3jxa>



4-H Food Revue is a pre-fair event where youth showcase cooking, menu planning, and table-setting skills. Participants prepare a dish, display it with a balanced menu, and discuss their project with a judge, often focusing on nutritional knowledge, food safety, and creativity. It is a "learn-by-doing" activity that builds confidence and promotes healthy habits.

SPY ACADEMY
 Saturday, April 11th | 12:30-5pm

Appleton Armory
 2801 W 2nd Street
 Appleton, WI 54914

Sparta Barney Community Center
 1000 E Montgomery Street
 Sparta, WI 54656

Step into **Spy Academy**—a secret-mission-themed day camp designed for military-connected youth. Dive into hands-on spy training, which may include:

- Code breaking & mystery solving
- Spy games & obstacle courses
- Team missions & challenges
- Creative crafts & role-playing
- Physical activities & outdoor fun

Mission accepted? Adventure, teamwork, and undercover fun await!

Grades 5K-6

Register Here

TOP SECRET

Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunity employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

2026 La Crosse County 4-H Fair Workshop

Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

Time: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center - Atrium (212 6th Street North, La Crosse, WI)

Cost: FREE! Pizza provided!

RSVP:

<https://go.wisc.edu/i319m6>



Join us to learn more about our La Crosse Interstate Fair – how to sign up, which exhibits fit your project best, how to prepare them for excellent results, and what is Clothing and Foods Revue anyway? ALL the things. Pizza is provided, so please tell us how many are attending from your family and if there are any dietary restrictions.

2026 Youth Livestock Animal Identification Forms

Deadline: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Sheep weigh-in date is Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at the fairgrounds, 9:00 AM to Noon.

New Process and Form for 2026

Submitting your project animals for Beef, Swine, and Goat is completed by individual survey links.

- Each sign up includes one family name 4 youth names, if more are needed, please fill out an additional form.
- Each sign up includes up to a certain number of animal registrations: Beef, 5; Swine 15; Goat 5, with various tag information requested.
- Uploaded photos are required for each animal. Please keep file sizes less than 1MB, and use the following format: Family Name Animal# Profile or Family Name Animal# Headshot
- Notes/Comments section is available if you have any comments or requests for the Superintendents to address.
- A confirmation email will be sent to you, and the Superintendent, once a form is submitted.
- For Ear Notching System image, please see the Swine ID form.

BEEF: <https://tinyurl.com/2026LAXBEEFID>

SWINE: <https://tinyurl.com/2026LAXSWINEID>

GOAT: <https://tinyurl.com/2026LAXGOATID>

THANK YOU 4-H VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you to the volunteers who have made contribution to the 4-H community!

FROM LA CROSSE COUNTY



Volunteer Appreciation Week April 20-26

**WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THIS
PROGRAM WITHOUT YOU!!**

LA CROSSE COUNTY 175TH ANNIVERSARY ART COMPETITION



La Crosse County's 175th Anniversary Art Competition is accepting entries through

Thursday, April 30. Ready-to-hang artwork can be submitted at the La Crosse County Admin Center, 212 6th St. N, La Crosse.

Categories include Youth (K-12), Adult (18+), and Photography (all ages). Themes focus on heritage, natural beauty, community, and future vision. Prizes of up to \$500 will be awarded, and entries will be displayed in an exhibition at the Admin Center.

Swag!

La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports program is offering merchandise once again!

Share it with family and friends – it makes great holiday, graduation, and birthday gifts!

<https://4hshootingsports.com>

La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports

LOGO WEAR



Use the link below or scan the QR Code to view all of the clothing designs!



www.4hshootingsports.com

All orders will need to be picked up directly from BB Graphics at 901 4th St. S., La Crosse. They will call you when your order is ready for pick up.

BB GRAPHICS
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801 4th Street S. - La Crosse, WI

Important Dates 2026

04-12, 04-19, 04-26 & 05-03, 05-17, 05-31: Spring Archery & Pellet Gun Program, Arrows in the Square, Holmen

04-11: Spy Academy

04-12, 04-19, 04-26, 05-03, 05-17, 05-31: Arrows In The Square Dates

04-17 through 04-19: Midwest Horse Fair

04-20 through 04-26: Volunteer Appreciation Week

04-21: Horse Project Meeting

04-24-26: Expressive Arts

04-26: Dog Project Meeting, Goat Project Meeting, Youth Amassador Meeting

06-14 through 06-18: Summer Academy

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

Forms Section

Summer Academy:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

Expressive Arts:

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

Fair Workshop:

<https://go.wisc.edu/i319m6>

175th Anniversary - Art Competition

<https://www.lacrossecounty.org/news/2026/02/16/175th-anniversary-art-competition>

Horse Camp Registration 2026:

<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/horse/>

April 2026

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