



# Cloverline

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

**May 2026**

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**CINCO DE MAYO**

It's time to change the curtains.

I've learned over the years to let things marinate a little bit. Too many times, I've jumped at the chance to change things up and it's come back to bite me or irritate me at least. So, I'll receive a bit of feedback, and let it stew. Some things I DO want to change, but the timing just isn't right. We either don't have supports fully in place to utilize the thing, or changing it becomes a logistical nightmare, and the back end is too labor intensive.

And then life just decides to change it anyway. Which okay, let's go! We need to shake up the Cloverline. Just over 18% of our families responded to my brief [Cloverline Survey](#); indicating that they want both options: electronic AND paper. They use the Cloverline primarily for dates and reminders. And that they really want to pay for things online (that was not a question, but a valid comment I'm listening to).

With that said – get ready for some changes! Once I get my feet under me a little more with possibilities, I'll share what the communication will look like AND if anyone wants to share any tech they like to use to help manage information, I would love the insight.

Let's shake it up!

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## animal sciences

### 2026 Dog Training Classes

Classes will begin on **May 5th and 7th**. There will be a mandatory orientation meeting on Sunday, April 26 (see above). Tuesdays: Obedience and Rally. Thursdays: Agility.

Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Rally classes are open to all 4-H members in grades 3 and up. Registration will be shared at the April 26th Meeting.

### Parasite Patrol Plus FAMACHA

A hands-on educational workshop hosted by the University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension on June 2, 2026, from 12:30–4:30 p.m. at the Gays Mills Community Center, 16381 WI-131, Gays Mills, WI. Registration for the event is \$30 without the FAMACHA training and \$60 with the FAMACHA training. Contact Beth McIlquham at [beth.mcilquham@wisc.edu](mailto:beth.mcilquham@wisc.edu) or 608-632-0599

### 4-H Horse Education Days

**Dates:** May 2 – 3, 2026

**Location:** STEM Innovation Center – UW Green Bay Campus, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311

**Events:** Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demonstration, Arts, Creative Communication, Photography, Team Problems, and Model Horse

**More information at:**

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

### Horse Camp

**When:** Saturday, May 16th, 2026

**Where:** La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds in West Salem.

## Youth Ambassador Meeting

The 4-H Youth Ambassadors have decided not to hold a May meeting. Wishing everyone an amazing summer. Looking forward to seeing you in August!

Rocks for the Dairy Breakfast are due to the office on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 volunteers to fill board positions of Bangor Rep, West Salem Rep, and At-Large Rep. Please reach out to Emily Crook ([Emily.crook@wisc.edu](mailto:Emily.crook@wisc.edu)) if interested!

## La Crosse County 4-H Youth Leaders Embark on a Civic Experience in Madison



Rep. Ron Johnson's staff met with the group.



At WI Energy Institutes



Learning about battery charge research at WI Energy Institutes.



Learning about legislation with Midwest Environmental Advocates.

# 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+;

**Chaperones:** Ages 21+ (permissions can be granted to ages 18–21);

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.
- 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](mailto:emily.crook@wisc.edu).

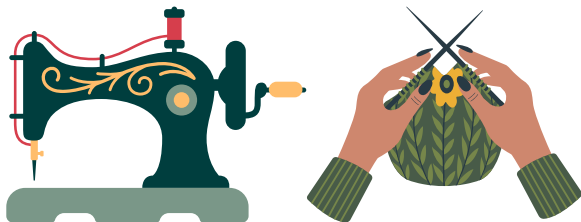
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## Clothing Revue

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

Where: La Crosse County Administrative Center  
– Atrium (212 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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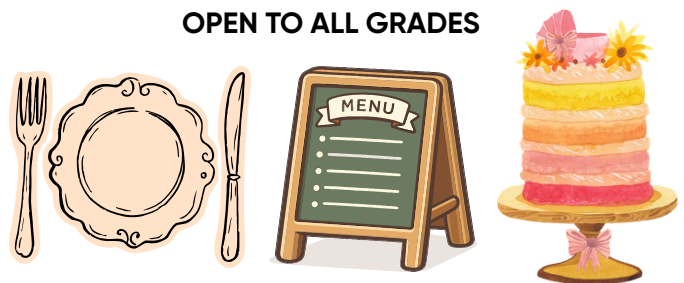
## Foods Revue

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

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

**Register:** <https://tinyurl.com/bdhe5ynt>

**OPEN TO ALL GRADES**



Youth prepare a food item: snack, side, main dish or cake decorating. They also bring the food item, along with a small card table (chairs are provided), a table setting, menu it is served with and ingredients of the item. Youth are judged on what they know about their item, menu choices, etc and their table display.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 La Crosse Interstate Fair Clerks

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/yk283k3c>



## Important Fair Dates

Fair books are ready for purchase at the Fair Grounds for \$5, or download on their website.

Fair website: <https://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/content/exhibitors/fair-book> OR



June 1	Online entries window is opened
June 12	Paper entry deadline
June 26	Entry close - No changes or additions after June 26
June 30	Foods Revue (pre-fair event)
July 7	Exhibit tags will be available for dates and pick up times below - Farm Progress building, office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 7/7 from 5-7 PM</li> <li>• Tuesday 7/14 from 6-8 PM</li> <li>• Wednesday 7/15 from 8 AM -noon</li> </ul>
July 7 (tentative)	Fair clean-up night
July 8	Clothing Revue (pre-fair event)
July 14	Fair - evening drop off for exhibits
July 15-19	La Crosse Interstate Fair - Have Fun!!
July 20	Livestock - barn clean-up
Date - TBD	TBD - Livestock - carcass evaluation and education opportunity, time TBD
August 21 (noon)	Fair premium checks will be ready



## 2026 Call for Awards!

Know a 4-H member who has done a great job this year? Consider them for a county-wide award. We have many to offer on various age levels. The deadline to submit a nomination is June 1, 2026.

Here's a brief listing of what's available, all detailed award info is at this site:

<https://lacrosse.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/4-h-awards-and-recognition/>

Outstanding Cloverbud	K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	This recognizes Cloverbuds who go above and beyond club participation.
Servais Communication Award	8 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> grades	In memorial of Adam Servais, this recognizes excellent communicators, photographers, and gardeners.
I Dare You Award	9-10 <sup>th</sup> grades	The "I Dare You" Leadership Award selection is based on recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development as well as leadership potential.
Key Award	10-13 <sup>th</sup> grades	A state-recognized award, La Crosse can only award 3 annually to the best representatives of 4-H in our county.
Legislative Award	CWF completion	Created by Rep. Steve Doyle, this award is given to 2 youth who are engaged in their communities and have attended Citizen Washington Focus.

To nominate someone, fill out this [Award Nomination Form](https://go.wisc.edu/27v834) (https://go.wisc.edu/27v834) by June 1. Even if you don't know all the information, submit it anyway!

Recipients will be awarded these awards at our Annual Achievement Celebration: Thur. July 16, 2026 on the New Youth Stage at the fairgrounds!

## 2026 Youth Livestock Animal Identification Forms

**Deadline: Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Sheep weigh-in date is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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

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

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

# External Opportunities



## Wings Over Wisconsin Melrose Rod & Gun Youth Activity Day

Black Hawk Retrievers Demonstration | Seminars on Trapping and Animal ID | Archery | Trap Shooting | 22 Rifle Shooting | Axe Throwing | Hunter Safety Program Information

Date: June 13, 2026

Location: Melrose Rod and Gun, Melrose, WI

Time: 9am – 1pm

Each child who pre-registers received a special gift. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-register and Questions: Ernie Berger: 563-271-1337 – [jcconger@live.com](mailto:jcconger@live.com)



## 2026 La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast

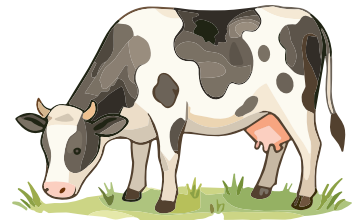
Date: Sat. June 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 am – 11:00 am.

Location: Creamery Creek Farms (W1250 Co Rd U, Bangor)

Discounted Tickets available in May at River Bank locations.

If you are interested in volunteering for the breakfast, please email the St. Joseph's Ridge Lions at [lacrossedairybreakfast@outlook.com](mailto:lacrossedairybreakfast@outlook.com). 4-H has ALWAYS been there, and hope to be there again!



Expressive Arts participants on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Olivet Church.

## Important Dates 2026

**05-03:** Deadline for Livestock Animal Identification Forms

**05-15:** La Crosse County 4-H Fair Workshop

**06-01:** Online fair entries window is open. Award Nominations deadline

**06-13:** Wings Over Wisconsin - Youth Activity Day

**06-20:** La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast

**06-26:** Fair entries close - No changes or additions

**06-30:** Foods Revue

**06-14 through 06-18:** Summer Academy

**07-07:** Fair clean up night (tentative)

**07-08:** Clothing Revue

**07-16:** Annual Achievement Celebration

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

## Forms Section

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## May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2 4-H Horse Education Days, Green Bay, WI
3 4-H Horse Education Days, Green Bay, WI  Youth livestock deadline	4	5 Dog Training: Obedience & Rally Begins	6	7 Dog Training: Agility Begins	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Leaders Board Meeting	15 La Crosse County 4-H Workshop	16 Horse Camp
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Deadline to submit nomination for awards  Online fair entries window is open					

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