



# The Alphorn

Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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**Next Alphorn Deadline:**  
**February 15**



**Ellen Andrews**  
4-H Youth  
Development Educator

## What do YOU want to learn in 4-H this year?

Whether you are a youth or a volunteer, the question of “*What do you want to learn in 4-H this year?*” is a simple but really important question. Before we plow full force into 2023, it is valuable for us to each pause to consider this question. In our already busy lives, how can we make sure we get the most out of this tremendous youth program that we call “4-H”?

### 4-H Members in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older

*What new ideas/skills/experiences do I want to learn, try and/or discover in this project this year?* We strongly encourage members to identify at least one new idea, skill, or experience they want to learn or try this year, in each project. Remember, our 4-H member goals should be about learning and growing, and within our own control.

*Who can help me learn what I want to know? Where can I find more information about what I want to know?* We encourage members to identify people and opportunities both inside the 4-H program and beyond that can help them achieve new learning in their 4-H projects. Some of our 4-H projects areas are fortunate enough to have 4-H volunteers that offer project learning opportunities, but for some projects youth might need to look to their family, school, and community for opportunities and support.

You will need this goal(s) for your 4-H Record Book, whether you are doing the 4-H County Record Book or the 4-H Minimal Record Book (see the [4-H Forms & Resources website](https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/)).

### 4-H Project Leaders (Youth & Adults)

We also encourage our 4-H Project Leaders to set 4-H goals! Setting goals can help you prioritize your opportunities and create meaningful learning experiences with our youth. Interested in planning an activity for your club or at the county level, but not sure where to start? Looking for ideas of what can be done? Contact me! I am happy to help you think this through!

Please note, youth don’t have to be enrolled as “youth leaders” to help plan or lead a hands-on project learning experience. In fact, we should be actively encouraging and creating opportunities for youth of all ages to engage in this type of leadership role.

I look forward to seeing how our 4-H members and leaders make the best 4-H project learning even better through meaningful goals that challenge us to continue to learn and grow.

Ellen Andrews  
4-H Youth Development Educator

## Thank You!

- To Colony Brands for their generous donation of over \$2,000 to the Green County 4-H program through their Associate Donation Program!
- To WI 4-H Foundation and an anonymous donor for funds that covered the costs for 31 Discover 4-H kits.

## Congratulations!

- To Clarence Bridge Pioneers, Next Generation and Young Americans for each receiving a mini grant for their Charter SMART Goals for youth involvement.

## New Family Corner

*Each newsletter, this section will provide some helpful insights into the 4-H program for our new and newer families.*

### 4-H Club Meetings

Almost every 4-H club holds regular club meetings. Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts—**recreation** (fun), **business**, and **learning**. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club.

Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each meeting. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!

### What is my role as an adult?

Adults help create a safe and positive atmosphere for all 4-H members when they empower and encourage youth. While at a meeting, it's important to be a positive role model for everyone in attendance. Caring adults play an important role in the mental health of youth, and 4-H can help connect youth with positive adults.

### Make a 4-H Meeting a Positive Experience

1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
2. Let youth run the meeting. It's their club!
3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
4. Ask your club leader how you can help.
5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker!

To learn more about 4-H Club Meetings and for activities that can help your member(s) to "Get to Know Your Club" and "How is the meeting run?", please check out our 2-page "Exploring 4-H for New Families" newsletter on Club Meetings at: <https://bit.ly/NFNCclubMeetings>.



## 4-H Member Opportunities

### 4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 26, 2023

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center

This countywide educational contest will offer 4-H youth (Cloverbuds – 13th grade) opportunities to participate in Speaking and Demonstration communication events! See the flyer on pages 10 of this Alphon for more info. To register, please go to: <https://bit.ly/4HComContest2023>



### 4-H Project Days—Save the Dates!

We are excited to be planning two 4-H Project Day events to actively engage 4-H members in expanding their 4-H project knowledge through hands-on learning. Mark your calendars for:

**Saturday, April 1st— 9:00-11:45am**

Green County Justice Center (Monroe)

Target Grades: 3rd-13th

**Saturday, June 10th—9:00am-Noon**

Green County Fairgrounds (Monroe)

Target Grades: 5K-13th

Registration information will come out in the March/April and May/June 4-H Newsletters

### Call for Presenters!!!!

We need 4-H volunteers, older youth, parents, and community members willing to lead 50-minute hands-on workshops at our 4-H Project Days. Who do you know that would make a great presenter? For details on these events and the session proposal form, please go to: <https://forms.gle/FmUzMZrMvimcnL61A>.

### 4-H International in 2023

In today's ever changing world the skill of global citizenship becomes more and more important all the time. 4-H offers some exciting opportunities to build bridges and connect with others from around the world!

**Pen Pal Program:** Interesting in connecting with a Korea 4-H or Taiwan 4-H member? Check out this pen pal program open to youth ages 9-18! Space is limited; sign up today at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/Zgkt2xf>. Please note that there is a \$10 registration fee. If this is a concern, please reach out to us at [wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu](mailto:wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu)

**Inbound Hosting:** WI 4-H plans to welcome 20-30 young people from Japan July 23-August 17, and possibly a smaller delegation from Costa Rica, Norway, and Mexico Mid-June-Mid July. The majority of delegates are between 12-16 years old and are matched with a family who has a young person of similar age and gender. Applications are due March 1. For more info, go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/international/host/>.

#### 4-H Project Discovery—GLOBAL REACH

Want to join a global student event from your home computer!? Dial in to learn about different cultures, countries and languages while representing our US culture to other participating countries!

**January 17 | February 21 | -March 21**

6:30-7:30 PM via Zoom

Register via: <https://go.wisc.edu/66h62v>

Each month, Zoom in to have the chance to discuss how our US culture is different from (and also similar to!) the cultures of 2 to 3 international students – learn more about these students and the associated Reach ambassadors

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y14HkufQQmw>

If you have questions, please reach out to 4-H Educator - Mary Big Mountain at [mbigmountain@wisc.edu](mailto:mbigmountain@wisc.edu).

#### 4-H Talent Show—Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and make plans to participate in or attend the 2023 Green County 4-H Talent Show on **Friday June 9th**, with the rehearsal on Wednesday June 7th, at the Twining Park Bandshell in Monroe.

#### 4-H Summer Camps— Opportunities for All Ages

4-H summer camp programs provide youth wonderful opportunities to have new experiences and learn critical skills like resilience, independence, and teamwork, while being supported by caring adults. We are excited to be planning a variety of camp programs for this summer and encourage your family to join us for these opportunities...

##### 4-H Outpost Camp—June 22-25 @ High Cliff State Park

For youth in 7th-8th Grade, as of 2022-2023 School Year. Sleeping in tents, preparing meals over a campfire, hiking and caving are some of the many activities you will enjoy, all while having lots fun expanding your 4-H friendships. Registration information will be in the March newsletter.

##### 4-H Base Camp—August 9-12 @ Upham Woods State Park

For youth in 3rd-6th Grade, as of 2022-2023 School Year. Youth will stay in cabins, enjoy meals in the dining hall and nightly campfires, along with lots fun recreation, nature, water and craft activities. Registration information will be in the May newsletter. For this camp program, we are looking for numerous volunteer staff...

- **Youth Staff** (minimum of age 15 by 8/9/2023) - Do you enjoy working with younger youth, having fun in the outdoors, and working with other youth to plan and lead activities? [See page \\_\\_\\_](#) for info on how to apply!
- **Adult Chaperones**—Are you interested in helping our youth staff plan and lead camp? Please contact Ellen ([ellen.andrews@wisc.edu](mailto:ellen.andrews@wisc.edu)) for more information.

##### 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp—tentatively planned for August

For youth in 5K-2nd Grade, as of 2022-2023 School Year. We will be looking for older youth and adult volunteers to help plan this event; please contact Ellen if you are interested.

#### 4-H Educational Travel Experiences

Wisconsin 4-H is happy to once again offer some outstanding educational travel experiences. These are so much more than “trips”, rather they are powerful opportunities for personal exploration and leadership development. Please also see our [“4-H Scholarship & Award Opportunities”](#) that can significantly help defray the cost of these experiences.

**WI 4-H Summer Academy** (June 19-22, 2023 @ UW-Madison) This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. Youth must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of registration. The cost will be approximately \$400 (includes lodging and meals). Stay tuned for more details.

**National 4-H Congress** (November 24-28, 2023 to Atlanta, Georgia) This is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Youth must be in 9th-12th grade at the time of registration, and maximum age of 18 as of 1/1/2023. The cost will be approximately \$1,200. More information to come!



#### Green County 4-H Scholarship & Award Opportunities

The Green County 4-H program uses an application and interview process to support youth building life skills, while pursuing extraordinary 4-H opportunities and recognitions...

- **4-H Travel Scholarships** – Funds to cover 25% of a 4-H Travel Experience (6th-12th Gr)
- **4-H Key Award** – Top award a WI 4-H Youth can receive (11th-13th Gr)
- **4-H College Scholarships** – Funds (\$500-\$1,000) for post-high school education (12th-13th Gr)

There are three parts to this process...

- **Application**—Youth submit a cover letter, resume and essay **by Tuesday, February 7, 2023.**
- **Interview**—Youth applicants will participate in an interview **on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.**
- **Feedback**—Youth receive written feedback to help improve future applications and interviews.

For more information on all of the 4-H Travel Scholarships, 4-H College Scholarships and 4-H Key Award opportunities, and details on how to apply, please go to the 4-H Forms website, look under “Older Youth Opportunities”: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

## WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2023. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2023 at 5:00 PM. To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2023-2024 academic school year. Please visit [wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/](https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/)

## State & Regional Scholarships

A list of available scholarships can be found on our website at [green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/](https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/). The list includes...

- Pearl City Elevator Inc "Agriculture First" Scholarship – Due January 20, 2023
- "Jim Vondra Memorial" Scholarship – Due Jan 20, 2023
- Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship Application — Due January 27, 2023
- Wisconsin Cattlemen's & Cattlewomen's Scholarship — Due February 17, 2023
- Compeer Financial – Due March 15, 2023

## Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

### Adult & Youth Leaders Needed on Committees

Engaging youth in leadership and decision-making is a priority in 4-H. We also still need a few additional enrolled 4-H Adult volunteers on committees. Specific committees who are seeking adult and youth leaders right now include...

Awards & Recognition	Fundraising
Marketing & Promotions	Camp Financial
Cloverbud	

If you are interested in getting involved in any one of these or another committee, please contact the Extension office, and we can make sure you get on the committee contact list.

### 4-H Project Day—Seeking Presenters

We are seeking older youth and adult volunteers interested in teaching a session and recruiting presenters for two different 4-H Project Day events at two different locations to allow even more possible project learning experiences...

- **Saturday, April 1st @ Justice Center**  
(Deadline for proposals - Feb. 10th)
- **Saturday, June 10th @ Fairgrounds**  
(Deadline for proposals - April 10th)

Workshops will be 50 minutes long, with the option of offering your workshop during any one of the three morning sessions (9:00am, 10:00am or 11:00am). Please consider presenting or recruiting a presenter. For details on these events and the session proposal form, please go to: <https://forms.gle/FmUzMZrMvimecnL61A>

## 4-H Camp Youth Staff (Counselors) Needed

Attention older youth grades 9-13: Do you enjoy working with younger youth (grades 3-6), having fun in the outdoors, and working with other youth to plan and lead activities? If so, consider applying to be a Youth Staff member of our 2023 4-H Base Camp, Aug. 9-12. No previous 4-H camp experience is necessary. For details on positions, training requirements and the application process, see the "[Camp Youth Staff Position Description](#)" under the 4-H Camp section of the 4-H Forms & Resources webpage. Applications are due March 1.

## Adults Needed for 4-H Camp

Our Green County 4-H Camp Team is looking for adults interested in being part of our 4-H Camp Team, which includes being an enrolled 4-H Chaperone, attending at least two trainings, and going to one of the camps. We will work hard and play hard at camp, working together with our youth staff and campers to ensure everyone has a safe, positive and fun camp experience. Please contact Ellen Andrews if you are interested in learning more about this awesome opportunity!

## 4-H Mini Grants—Clubs & Projects

Thanks to a donation from Colony Brands, the 4-H Adult Leaders Association is happy to offer two mini-grants:

- **4-H Club Mini Grants** - Each 4-H club in 2023 can request a one-time funding equaling \$4 per enrolled member. The club must provide a description of how they will use the funds to engage and connect members.
- **4-H Project Mini Grants** - County and club 4-H project leaders can request funding (\$50-\$200) to cover expenses for a 4-H project learning experience.

More information and the application form is available at: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/01/Colony-Brands-Mini-Grant-Request-Form-FILLABLE.pdf>.

## 4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

The next 4-H Junior Leaders meeting date:

- Wednesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00—8:30 PM at the United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St, Monroe (use northeast entrance, off 2nd St.)

All 4-H members in 6th grade or above are invited to attend. For more information about the Green County 4-H Junior Leaders or to be put on the 4-H Junior Leaders email list, please contact Deb Myers at [april18@tds.net](mailto:april18@tds.net).

## 4-H Adult Leader Meetings

A friendly reminder that Green County 4-H Adult Leaders, Inc. meetings are open to all actively enrolled 4-H adult leaders. Each 4-H club is strongly encouraged to have at least one adult leader in attendance at each meeting.

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, March 6 @ 7:30pm—4-H Adult Leaders Mtg—In-person or via Zoom. Zoom registration link: <https://bit.ly/4HAdultLeaders030623>



## Becoming a 4-H Adult Volunteer

Volunteers are critical to the success of the 4-H program! Are you interested in working with youth to plan project learning opportunities, create community service activities, or chaperone an overnight 4-H experience?

To ensure volunteers are prepared for their positions, Extension requires several things of all applicants:

1. Register (<https://v2.4honline.com/>) and agree to behavior expectation
2. Pass a criminal background check every 4 years
3. Complete several trainings, most of which can be done online. Topics include youth protection, creating safe spaces, risk management and youth development.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Ellen Andrews ([ellen.andrews@wisc.edu](mailto:ellen.andrews@wisc.edu)) for more information.

## Organizational Leader Reminders

Please help us make sure...

- All 4-H families are aware of the [4-H "Member-in-Good-Standing" policy](#), including the attendance and record book requirement. Please contact Ellen with questions.
- Any adults leading a 4-H activity or working with youth without the direct supervision of a 4-H Adult Volunteer, are themselves currently approved 4-H Volunteers.
- Each club is aware they are eligible to apply in 2023 for a 4-H Club Mini Grant equaling \$4 per enrollment member. We encourage clubs to involve youth in planning a use for these funds that will promote opportunities for belonging, learning and/or community service.

## 4-H Project Curriculum Available

4-H project literature is a valuable resource for members and leaders. Learn important project information and get ideas of hands-on project activities that can grow your project knowledge and life skills. Have a project for which you would be interested in curriculum?

FREE Curriculum – While supplies last we have extra

- curriculum to give away in the following project areas:
- Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Horse/Clothes Horse, Rabbit, Dog, Vet Science
  - Fishing, Crops, Home Grounds, Shooting Sports, Hunting
  - Electricity, Tractors, Aerospace, Computers
  - Foods/Food Preservation, Clothing, Home Environment
  - Health, Child Development, Citizenship, Youth Leadership, Service Learning, Finance, Entrepreneurship

Curriculum Library – Some clubs have a limited curriculum library to share within the club; see your 4-H Club Organizational Leader for more information. The county Extension office has a more complete curriculum library, which can be checked out during normal business hours, or after bi-monthly Adult Leaders meeting (if arrangements are made in advance).

If you have questions about 4-H Project Curriculum, please contact Katie at the Extension office.

## Cloverbuds (5K-2nd Grade)

### Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00-10:45am\*\*

Green County Justice Center (2841 6th Street, Monroe)

\*\*Adults are asked to stay with Cloverbuds for this Workshop.\*\*

This workshop is open to 4-H Cloverbud Project members. Youth will enjoy a book read aloud, followed by decorating a cupcake around the book's theme. Youth will be able to take home their creations.

All supplies will be supplied by the 4-H Foods Committee.

Please register by Wednesday, February 22 using the following link: <https://forms.gle/kewBf6hy3NcMNLU59>



## Family, Home & Health

### 4-H Foods Workshops

#### Muffins & Place Settings

Saturday, January 28, 2023 - 10:00-11:00 am

Zion Methodist Church, N2350 Church St, Juda

This workshop is open to 4-H Foods & Explore Project members and will specifically focus on...

- Muffins - basic and more advance skills
- Place Setting requirements for Foods Revue

All food preparation items, will be supplied by the Foods Committee. Deadline to register is Monday, January 23 at: <https://forms.gle/qeW5mmykQD7qcMPk7>.

#### Pizza, Spaghetti & Exhibits

Saturday, February 11, 2023 - 10:00-11:30 am

United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St, Monroe (enter in northeast entrance, off of 2nd St.)

This workshop is open to 4-H Foods & Explore Project members and will specifically focus on...

- Mini-pizzas & Million dollar spaghetti
- Educational Food Exhibits

All food preparation items will be supplied by the Foods Committee. Deadline to register is Monday, February 6 at <https://forms.gle/MsZ2M2c2omaNazX26>.

### Green County Fair Foods Revue

Saturday, February 25, 2023

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

Youth prepare and present foods projects for judging. Foods Revue is a Pre-Fair, premium earning event.

For details on the entry options and rules, please see the County Fair Foods Department document at: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/fairbook-jr-class>. Entries must be submitted by February 15th.



## 4-H Cake Decorating Workshop

Saturday, March 11, 2023

- **Beginners** - 1:00-1:45pm—Learn to frost & basic tip work
- **Intermediate** - 1:45-2:30pm—Learn piping and flowers
- **Advanced** - 1:00-3:00pm—Create a 2-layer cake with fondant, gum paste and wafer paper.

Green County Justice Center (2841 6th Street, Monroe)

This workshop is open to 4-H Foods & Explore Project members. This is a workshop to learn decorating techniques, not a competition, and there will be expert decorators to assist with each level. Youth will be able to take home their creations. All cake decorating supplies will be supplied by the 4-H Foods Committee. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 22 at: <https://forms.gle/EukeEZkMnrHpPb9K7>.

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Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center

Youth prepare and present cake decorating projects for judging. Cake Revue is a Pre-Fair, premium earning event. For entry options and rules, please see the County Fair Foods Department at: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/fairbook-jr-class>. Entries must be submitted by March 15th.



## Natural Sciences

### 4-H Shooting Sports Virtual Quiz Bowl

Test your knowledge of Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Rifle, Pistol, Hunting Skills, Western Heritage, General 4-H and STEM with others from across the country.

- **January 16-20, 2023**—complete virtually anytime Junior, Intermediate & Senior individual and team divisions Cost is \$10 per participant. For more info & registration, go to: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl-study-materials/>.

## Shooting Sports Kick Off Open House

Thursday, January 26, 2023 - 5:30-7:00pm

Room 1, Green County Justice Center

This event is a great opportunity to turn in your paperwork and project dues, and ask the leaders questions. All Shooting Sports registration paperwork and dues need to be turned in to the Extension office by **Friday, February 3\* at 4:30 PM**.

\*If a youth is participating in the Jan. 21st Air Rifle Practice, Extension must receive paperwork and fees before then.

Note: To turn targets in at Fair for a score, all targets must be shot at a Green County 4-H Shooting Sports Fair Shoot.

Remember that you are not signed up for the project until you complete your waiver and pay your fees. Be sure to read your [Shooting Sports Newsletter](#) that was mailed in December.

Contact Jason Schultz—Shooting Sports Coordinator with question at [greencounty4hshootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:greencounty4hshootingsports@gmail.com) or call 608-636-3266.

## Air Rifle Clinics & Fair Shoot

NEW this year...4-H Air Rifle will have two clinic dates held indoors at the Darlington Gun Range (148 Gun Club Rd. Darlington, WI 53530). Please note that you must submit your permission form and project fees to the Extension Office BEFORE attending the clinic. No permission slips or money will be taken at the range. Youth must sign up for range times using the Sign Up Genius links.

**Clinic Part 1 - Sat. Jan. 21st**—8am-10am, 10:30am-12:30pm, or 1pm-3pm—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EA9A72CA1F49-airrifle3>

**Clinic Part 2 & Fair Shoot - Sat. Feb. 11th**—8am-10am, 10:30am-12:30pm, or 1pm-3pm—<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EA9A72CA1F49-airrifle4>

## Animal Science

### YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals 2023 YQCA Certification

All junior animal exhibitors in Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits must be certified in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) and submit their certification number through Fair Entry by May 30th at 4:30 pm to exhibit animals at the Green County Fair. This year, three methods are available for training—1) Web Based Online Training, 2) Test Out, 3) Instructor Led Trainings. The last Instructor Led Training in Green County will be...

- **Saturday, March 4th, 2023, from 9:00am-10:00am, @** Green County Justice Center (2841-6th St., Monroe)

All trainings must be registered for by signing up online AND completing the online Pre-Test before completing the course - details are available on the website: at <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2022/12/13/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>



### Animal Science Education Series 2023

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the spring of 2023. These topics are for youth and adults alike and occur the 1st Monday of the month (Feb-March) at 7:00pm. Register for either or both of the events to get the connection information by email.

- February 6 – Beef Live/Carcass Evaluation & Cookery
- March 6 – Reproductive Technologies in Agriculture

For more information visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu). For more information, go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program website at: <https://youthanimalsciences.wisc.edu/>

## 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Saturday, February 4, 2023

\*New\* Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus

This is a fun day of learning and testing the knowledge of youth in the placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Youth must be in or completed 3rd grade and at least 8-years-old. Must register by January 20 through a Google form and 4HOnline. Go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/>

## 4-H Livestock Skillathon & Quiz Bowl

Saturday, March 25, 2023

UW Madison Campus

These are two different contests all about livestock where you can use your knowledge about the animal species (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat) and the industry.

**Livestock Quiz Bowl:** a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics. Students use a buzzer to answer the questions by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator.

**Livestock Skill-a-thon:** Test your knowledge of the species and the industry through a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification and demonstrating evaluation skills. Open to any current 4-H members grades 3-13. Must register by March 10 through 4HOnline. More information, resources to study from and registration info available at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at [jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu](mailto:jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu)/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu)/phone at 608-263-4304.

## Dairy

### 4-H Dairy Bowl

Saturday, February 25, 2023

UW Green Bay STEM Innovations Center



This program is open to anyone, in grades 3-13, in the dairy project. Dairy Bowl is designed to help youth understand more about dairy cattle and the Dairy industry. This allows you to branch out, meet new people, and create teamwork skills that will last a lifetime.

Participants will be asked two sets of oral questions each about different topics. Topics include nutrition, breed specific, dairy cattle biology, and many more!

Green County can put together a team of 3-4 youth, or youth can individually compete as part of an All-Wisconsin Team. The All-Wisconsin team is a team that is made up of kids from around the state that want to participate but don't have a full

team or are a single from their county. Teams will be assigned by the state office.

For more information on the rules, resources, and opportunities, go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/dairy-quiz-bowl/>. Registration in 4HOnline by February 12, 2023.

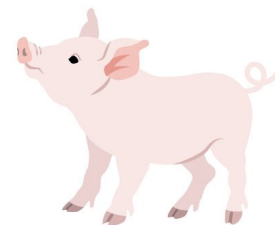
## Swine

### 2023 Swine ID Procedure

Green County Fair Swine Exhibitors will be required to self-identify their pigs with RFID tags, picked up at the Green County Extension office and do picture identifications for each fair pig. There will be no upfront cost to the exhibitor, as the Green County Meat Animal Auction Committee covers the cost of the tags. Swine exhibitors will be required to pick up their Identification kits and tags, tag their pigs and return their picture forms to the Extension office between March 20 - April 14 to exhibit their pigs at the 2023 Green County Fair.

The Green County Extension office will again loan out ear taggers for exhibitors to use for tagging their pigs. The taggers must be returned to the Extension office and will be sanitized before being given to another farm to prevent the spread of disease. Exhibitors will not be required to pay a fee for each Identification kit when they pick them up. 4-H Leaders and Agriculture instructors will be allowed to pick up ID kits for their members. However, they will be required to sign for all the kits that they pick up at the Extension office.

The kit will include YQCA information, Swine Picture Identification Forms and RFID ear tags. The Identification Forms must be returned to the Extension office by April 14. The forms should be delivered directly to the Extension office and not be mailed.



## Wisconsin Pork

### Association Youth Pig Project

The Wisconsin Pork Association is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the WI pork industry. 4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$100 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2023 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2023). Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at [www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project](http://www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project) or call the WPA office at 608-723-7551 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 1, 2023.



## Sheep & Goats

### 2023 Market Lamb Identification

All market lambs being ID'd for the fair need to have an RFID tag and a scrapie tag. Picture ID Forms and RFID tags will be available April 17 through May 5 and must be returned to Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on May 5 to exhibit market lambs at the 2023 Green County Fair. Lamb Picture ID Forms can list family youth, including all siblings, within the immediate family, with a maximum of 5 market lambs being entered for picture ID's. Lamb ID Forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at the Extension Green County drop box in our front lobby.



### 2023 Share-a-Kid Contest

The Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association wants to promote interest in dairy goats by awarding 4-6 dairy goat kids to young people in a competitive statewide contest. Youth applicants will write an essay of 100 words or more about why they would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), etc. The essay winners will be given a goat. Applicants must be ages 10-17 by January of this year and a member of 4-H, FFA, WDGA, or other agricultural groups. For more detail on this contest to go: <http://bit.ly/3VYU5ez>. Essays due April 1.

### 2023 Market Goat ID Procedures

The 2023 Green County Fair Market Goat ID Procedures are still being determined. Details will be provided by email, Facebook, and the Extension Green County website.

## Horse & Pony

### 4-H Horse Committee Update

The 4-H Horse Committee is starting to work on planning a fun and educational season of 4-H Workshops, Demonstrations and Clinics. Keep an eye on your email in the coming weeks for information about a 4-H Horse Kick-Off meeting and more. The committee would also welcome more enrolled 4-H adult volunteers and older youth to join the committee and help plan, coordinate or lead the upcoming events. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to the Extension or Carla Melvin at [colorfulapps@hotmail.com](mailto:colorfulapps@hotmail.com).

## Rabbits

### Rabbit Market/Auction Workshop

Sunday, January 29, 2023

3:00-4:30pm

Rooms 2 & 3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe  
Learn how to prepare rabbits for market/auction, and have the opportunity to taste dishes made with rabbit meat.

### Rabbit Project Olympics

Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:00am

Green County Fairgrounds, Stock Pavilion

Test your knowledge and showmanship skills with 10 events and placings! Great learning opportunity!

### 4-H Club Happenings

**Club Secretaries & Reporters:** Please submit a brief report to the Extension office so we can let everyone know what your club is up to. Your report should be no more than 100 words. You can email your reports to [kthurow@wisc.edu](mailto:kthurow@wisc.edu).

#### Clarno:

On Sunday, December 18th, our club met to go caroling at the GreenCo homes in Monroe and give them Christmas gifts. We do this every year and look forward to it very much! Our next meeting will be on January 15th at Slice where we will be ice skating. *Submitted by Brenna Hiatt; Reporter*



#### Jolly Mixers:

At the November meeting we packed up presents for the residents of the Albany Oaks home. The kids colored the gift bags and made Christmas cards. Then we purchased a few fun and personal items for each resident.

#### New Glarus:

At the November meeting, the club made holiday cards for residents of the New Glarus Home. On December 2nd, members of the Dairy project created an Adventfenster window of the New Glarus Bakery. On December 11th, the club had a bowling and pizza party at Sugar River Lanes in Belleville. We have committed to giving a talk/demonstration at each meeting so that new families can understand 4-H better. *Submitted by Michelangelo O'Brien & Benjamin Biank*







# 2023



In 2023, YQCA certification will be required of all...

- Green County Fair Exhibitors in Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits
- Wisconsin State Fair Junior Exhibitors in Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits

**In 2023**—Each individual Green County Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Poultry or Rabbit Exhibitor **MUST** submit their YQCA Certificate of Completion number during the online fair entry process in order to be eligible to exhibit and/or sell your animal at the 2023 Green County Fair.

## 2023 YQCA Training Options

All 2023 YQCA Training options **MUST** be registered and paid for online at:  
<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Three types of training are being offered in 2023:

**Option A- Web-Based Training**—Curriculum is tailored to an exhibitor's age for a better learning experience. Available 24/7, this training allows exhibitors flexibility to take the course at their convenience. Includes 3 interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. Cost is \$12 per person, per year, and **MUST** be paid online.

**Option B- Test-out option**—Youth ages 12 (\$36), 15 (\$48), and 19 (\$36) may choose the test-out option. Youth must score 80% or better and you will only be charged if you pass the test. If you don't pass, you will be instructed to take the web-based training. If you pass, you will need to retest when you reach the next age split.

**Option C—Instructor Led Training**—Sessions will be held face-to-face and are limited to the first 50 youth. Youth **MUST** register, pay online, and complete the Pre-Test, **BEFORE** attending the training. Exhibitors need to arrive at least 10 minutes in advance of the session to check-in and **MUST** stay the full 60 minutes. Cost is \$3 per person, per year, and **MUST** be paid online at the time of registration. **Exhibitors ages 19-21, as of December 31, 2022, CANNOT take the Instructor-Led Training, and instead must take the Web-Based Training.**

You must register & pay online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

## Steps for Getting Your YQCA Certification:

For Step-by-Step Directions, with pictures, please go to:

<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2022/12/13/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>

**Create An Account**—Go to: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

- Click on "Register/Sign In". If you already have an account for YQCA, enter your username and password and "submit"
- If you do not have an account, click on "Register" to register a new account.

**Select a Course**—it is **IMPORTANT** to select the correct course for the **youth's age, as of Dec. 31, 2022.**

**Purchase a Course**—Select the state, and then select a Web-Based Training. You **MUST** pay online for the course. Keep a copy of your receipt/confirmation.

**Pre-Test/Post-Test** After selecting a course, you will be asked to do a "pre-test" which is merely a series of simple questions to answer. Once completed, you will be ready to proceed. After completing the training, you will be asked to do a Post-Test, again merely a series of simple questions to answer. After this is completed, you will be able to access your certificate and print it.

**Submitting Certificate of Completion**—Once the training is complete, return to the course menu screen to download a PDF of the Certificate of Completion with the youth's unique certificate number. Certificate numbers **MUST** be submitted during the Green County Fair online entry process in May 2023.

Questions regarding the YQCA requirements can be directed to Jackie McCarville at  
(608)328-9440 or [Jackie.mccarville@wisc.edu](mailto:Jackie.mccarville@wisc.edu)

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## Green County 4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 26, 2023  
Green County Justice Center (2841 6<sup>th</sup> St, Monroe)  
Check-in Begins at 1:45 PM



DIVISIONS WILL PROMPTLY START AT 2:00 PM

Registration deadline for this event is Sunday, February 19.

Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill to develop. The goal of the Green County 4-H Communications Contest is to give 4-H youth an opportunity to develop and polish these skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. 4-H participants will be evaluated and provided constructive feedback on their presentation, each receiving a certificate of participation and a participation ribbon (gr. K-2) or ribbon placing (gr. 3-13).

This year's Communication Contest will have two divisions. Youth are eligible to submit one entry in each division.

• **SPEAKING DIVISION**

• **DEMONSTRATION DIVISION**

### SPEAKING DIVISION:

Participants in the SPEAKING DIVISION will be categorized by Grade Level, each with a grade appropriate time limit.

**Grade Levels:** *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 1-3 minutes* *Beginner (Grades 3-5): 2-4 minutes*  
*Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 3-5 minutes* *Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 4-7 minutes*

SPEAKING DIVISION participants (K-13) will have the choice of presenting prose, poetry or a traditional speech.

- **Prose/Poetry** – Options include: prose reading, poetry reading, a memorized piece, or storytelling, or an interpretive speech (a speech originally written and presented by someone else). You may edit your selection to meet the time requirement. Original poetry or stories can be used. Reciting the 4-H Pledge can be a great speech option for Cloverbuds. Presentations will be critiqued on use of introduction, voice, expression and appropriateness of material. If reading the selection, text should be mounted on construction paper instead of reading from a book. You should prepare and memorize an introduction that includes credit to the author(s) and any transitions that are needed if you have more than one piece. Props or costumes are not permitted.
- **Traditional Speech** – Pick a topic of your choice and write an original, factual speech about it. This could be about a 4-H project you love or a current issue you are concerned about. Your speech could inform, persuade, or motivate your audience. You may use note cards during your presentation. You may also use visuals (posters, diagrams, power point) to help you deliver your speech, but NOT props or costumes. (Note, this is a speech, not a demonstration.)

### DEMONSTRATION DIVISION:

Participants in the DEMONSTRATION DIVISION will be categorized by Grade Level, with a grade appropriate time limit.

**Grade Levels:** *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 2-4 minutes* *Beginner (Grades 3-5): 3-6 minutes*  
*Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 5-10 minutes* *Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 5-10 minutes*

In this division, 4-H youth members demonstrate how to do something. A topic is chosen, often from a 4-H project. Props and visual aids are required; may include a homemade posters and/or computer presentation. A successful demonstration will show the audience and judges several steps in a process, such as preparing a cooked dish, grooming an animal, etc. Demonstrations are followed by a question and answer period with the judge and audience.

Registration deadline is Sunday, February 20, 2021.

There are 2 ways to register for the 4-H Communications Contest:

- Online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/4HComContest2023>
- Contact the Extension Office (608-328-9440 or [kthurow@wisc.edu](mailto:kthurow@wisc.edu)) and provide the following:  
Child's name, 4-H Club, Grade Division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 or 9-13) and Contest Selection(s)  
(Prose/Poetry, Traditional Speech or Demonstration).



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## Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

For Calendar updates, please visit: [green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/](https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/)

Times and dates are subject to change. Listen to WEKZ AM 1260 for weather updates.

JAN. 2023	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
21	Air Rifle Clinic	8:00AM	3:00PM	Darlington Gun Range
26	Shooting Sports Kick Off Open House	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
28	Foods Workshop	10:00AM	11:00AM	Zion Methodist Church, Juda
29	Rabbit Workshop	3:00PM	4:30PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
FEB. 2023	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
3	DEADLINE for shooting sports paperwork & fees		4:30 PM	Extension office
7	DEADLINE Scholarship & Awards Applications Due		4:30 PM	Extension Office
8	Foods Workshop	10:00AM	11:30AM	Monroe Methodist Church
11	County Fair Air Rifle Clinic & Shoot	8:00AM	3:00PM	Darlington Gun Range
15	DEADLINE to register for Foods Revue		11:59PM	Online link, see article
15	Scholarship & Award Interviews	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Room 3, Justice Center
22	Jr. Leaders Meeting	7:00PM	8:00PM	Monroe Methodist Church
25	County Fair Foods Revue	2:00PM		Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
26	4-H Communications Contest	2:00 PM		Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
MARCH 2023	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Youth Camp Counselor Application		4:30PM	Extension Office
4	YQCA Training	9:00AM	10:00AM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
6	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
6	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
11	Cake Decorating Workshop			Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
15	Archery Practice—First Year Shooters	6:00PM		SCWA, Monroe
15	DEADLINE to register for Cake Revue		11:59PM	Online link, see article
19	Archery Practice			SCWA, Monroe
24	Shotgun Practice	6:30PM		Blackhawk Sportsman's Range
25	County Fair Cake Revue	2:00PM		Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
26	Archery Practice	3:30PM		SCWA, Monroe
31	Shotgun Practice	6:30PM		Blackhawk Sportsman's Range



The Green County 4-H Website is always being updated to include new information, links and dates. Check it out for the most current news: [greencounty4h.info](http://greencounty4h.info)  
Be sure to check the 4-H Calendar Page for up-to-date information as events approach:  
<http://green.extension.wisc.edu/4h-youth-development/calendar-news>

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