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Your 4-H Family Newsletter



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Next Alphorn Deadline:

December 15



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4-H Youth
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Welcome to the 2023-2024 4-H year! We are excited to have you involved in Green County 4-H. Here are some helpful hints for getting your 4-H year off to a great start...

Review 4-H policies including Green County 4-H Program policies as part of the 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment Guide (www.greencounty4h.info), and your 4-H Club policies. Please note, due to recent changes in County Fair policy, we needed to update our Green County 4-H attendance policy. All Green County 4-H members in 3rd grade and older who wish to represent 4-H at the 2024 Green County Fair must:

- Enroll by the deadline (Re-enrolling: Nov. 1st; *New family enrollment: Jan. 15th*).
- **Attend at least four (4) 4-H meetings, events or workshops, between September 1, 2023 and April 22, 2024, with at least two (2) being 4-H club meetings.**
 - If you attend a county 4-H meeting, event, or workshop that you would like to count towards this attendance requirement, it is the responsibility of the member and family to notify the 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
 - Members who have graduated from high school and who are enrolled in post-high school educational opportunities outside the area, will be waived from this requirement. However, when home, these members should make every effort to attend scheduled project and club meetings.
- Pay membership dues, unless requesting financial waiver (*returning families only*).
- Have completed a 4-H Record Book (either County, Club or Minimal level record book) in the 2022-2023 4-H year (*returning members 4th grade and older only*).

Finalize your 4-H Project selections - 4-H projects are the learning topics you select in 4HOnline, like Photography, Woodworking, Archery, Rabbits, and 50+ other learning topics. 4-H members are encouraged to finalize their project selections by at least January 15th (or by early December for Beef & Shooting Sports projects). **To add any 4-H projects, please email swileman@wisc.edu.** Your project selections determine what targeted emails you receive regarding project learning opportunities and reminders.

Stay connected with 4-H communications! You can keep up-to-date on all sorts of upcoming 4-H opportunities, as well as various deadlines by checking...

- 4-H Newsletter - bi-monthly and distributed (mail & email) in the odd months, and online: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/>.
- Email - Please make sure that 4HOnline has your correct family and individual email addresses and that your email server is accepting these emails.
- Facebook - Like, follow, comment, and share our Green County 4-H UW-Extension Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/greencounty4huwex/>).

If you have any questions regarding these helpful hints or anything in the Green County 4-H program, please feel free to contact the Extension office.

Thank you!

Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator

New Family Corner

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

What is a 4-H Project?

A project is simply a topic area that sparks a youth's interest! Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their interests and passions, ultimately mastering new skills.

4-H projects are meant to be hands-on to create a memorable learning experience.

Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project.

For our 4-H members in 5K-2nd grade, their one 4-H Project is the "Cloverbud Project." This project is designed to meet the needs of this unique age group while having fun with hands-on, engaging activities. By the time youth are finished with 2nd grade and are entering 3rd grade, they have a better idea of what interests them in 4-H, because they have already tried a variety of activities.

What resources are available? Each 4-H project differs in how learning opportunities are offered, depending on adult volunteer support. Some projects offer countywide workshops (i.e. cats, horses, geology and shooting sports). Some 4-H clubs may also have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas. Sometimes that state 4-H program also offers virtual learning opportunities. More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>.

What if the county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from www.shop4-h.org or the Green County Extension office.

To learn more about 4-H Projects and how to help your kids pick a project, please check out our 2-page "Exploring 4-H for New Families" newsletter at:

<https://bit.ly/NFNProjects>.

"4-H Projects" is a very timely topic. If you need to change any of your child's 4-H projects, please email the changes to Samantha at swileman@wisc.edu. For a list of 4-H Projects available, please see our "2023-2024 Green County 4-H Enrollment, Project & Policy Guide" available at: www.greencounty4h.info.

The key way to find out about these learning opportunities is in our bi-monthly "Alphorn" 4-H Newsletter, and by also liking and following our Green County 4-H Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/greencounty4huwex>).



Thank You!

- To Mirielle Smith, Lillian Sievers, Michelangelo O'Brien, Eileen Horn and Dawn Smith for attending 4-H Fall Forum as our Green County 4-H delegation!
- To all of the 4-H clubs that submitted photos, quotes, and articles for National 4-H Week press coverage!
- To everyone who helped with record book reading in September: Tyler Sievers, Janet Kruse, Stacy Leitner, Barb Buetow, Tina Herbst, Dawn Smith, Val Deal, Laura Vosberg, Christine Tabaka, Katy Dickson, Brittany Blum, Becca Rolli, Amy Christen, Mirielle Smith, Micki Andrews, Aubrie Blum, Isabelle Rolli, Evelyn Pastrana and Lillian Sievers!
- To all the youth and adults who helped at Explore 4-H Day on Saturday, September 30: Janet Kruse, Emily Kruse, Chris Smith, Jamison Smith, Jackie Shares, Molly Shares, Jason Schultz, Pat McCullough, Isabelle Rolli, Emily Goers, Micki Andrews, Layla Puglielli, Patsy Puglielli, Kari Zilliox, Remington Zilliox, Mirielle Smith, Marcellus Smith, Correna Bovee, Dawn Smith, Elena Boss, Lindsey Pfeifer, Finley Pfeifer, Molly McCullough, Laura Huff, and Becky Gutzman.
- To all the volunteers, parents, and youth leaders who helped with Cloverbud Fall Fun Day in October, and the New Family Orientation in November.
- To the 4-H Awards Committee for hosting and sponsoring the 4-H Awards & Veteran's Day Program, along with youth leader MC's Megan Leitner, Lillian Sievers, Mirielle Smith, Abigail Biank, Benson Miller & Micki Andrews.

Congratulations

- To Leilah King & Madison Melvin for representing Green County at the State 4-H Horse Expo.
- To Chloe Pulver, Leilah King, Alexis Miller, Hailey Rasmussen, Rebecca Froseth, Hayden Elmer, Madison Melvin, and Molly Shares for representing Green County 4-H at the State Gymkhana Horse Show.
- To the 4-H Performing Arts Committee for being selected to present at 4-H Fall Forum, including Megan Leitner, Abigail Biank, Eileen Horn, and Janet, Noah and Emily Kruse.
- To Dawn Smith for being elected as a Southern Region adult representative to the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council.
- To all of the youth and adults that received 4-H awards at the 2023 4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, November 11!
- To our National 4-H Week window display winners!
 - Young Americans—1st place
 - Washington Center—2nd place
 - Next Generation—3rd place
 - Jolly Mixers—Honorable Mention
 - Cheese Country Clovers—Honorable Mention
 - New Glarus—Honorable Mention

Organizational Leader Reminders

- Please continue to recruit new volunteers! To begin the process, all prospective adult volunteers need to first enroll in 4HOnline, which will then trigger communication regarding the required background check and trainings, including the in-person Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training.
- Member dues for the 2023-2024 4-H year are \$15.00 per member, including Cloverbuds. These dues include program costs and insurance coverage. Other projects may have additional fees. All enrollment fees are due from clubs by December 1, 2023. Please write one check per club payable to Green County UW-Extension.
- Please encourage your club secretary or reporter to send meeting highlights (50-100 word limit) to the Extension office to be included in the Alphorn. Pictures are also welcome and will be used as space allows. Please email them to swileman@wisc.edu.

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Thriving Survey

Deadline: December 1st

4-H Thriving Survey -- Check your email inbox (the one you use with 4H Online) for your link to the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey! The results will help us improve the 4-H program and communicate how 4-H helps young people.

The survey was sent to 4-H members ages 13-18 by email in the first week of November and reminders have been sent as well. The emails come from Josset Gauley and are entitled "4-H Youth Survey". **The survey link will be open until December 1.** Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Fill out the survey to help Green County achieve a 30% response rate.

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, please visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#).



4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 1:00pm
Green County Justice Center, Monroe
This countywide educational contest will offer 4-H youth (Cloverbuds – 13th grade) opportunities to participate in Speaking and Demonstration events! Recite a poem, read a story, teach us how to make a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, and so much more!!! See the flyer on page 8 of this Alphorn for more info.

Register **by January 28th** at:

<https://bit.ly/4HComContest2024>.



Cooking with Meat Project Box—Gr. 3 & up

Do you want to learn more about cooking with meat from one of the following market animal projects: beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, or rabbit?

The WI 4-H Distance Learning Team brings you the opportunity to participate in the Cooking with Meat Project Box. Youth will learn the safe way to cook, store, freeze and thaw meat of the different project species. There will be a Zoom meeting hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Livestock Specialist, to lead youth through a cooking lesson, using the information in the Cooking with Meat box. Boxes will be shipped to your County Extension Office for pick-up. There are only 500 boxes available statewide and they are going fast! To register for your family's box, go to: <https://bit.ly/3sHAsz7>.

4-H Concert Band

We are searching for 4-H youth who would like to play in a 4-H Concert Band! We will be starting 1-hour rehearsals at the Monroe Arts



Center in early spring. Rehearsals will be engaging, informative, and enjoyable - a fun space for youth to learn more about music! We will be performing at the 4-H Talent Show (June) and the Green County Fair (July).

We are looking for youth who play any band instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, french horn, trumpet, trombone, or xylophone/percussion. Previous school-related band experience is required. If you are interested, please email Megan Leitner at performing.arts.committee.gco@gmail.com.

4-H Educational Travel Experiences

These national 4-H travel opportunities are open to all enrolled 4-H members in the specific age group. Registration is either currently open or will open soon.



National 4-H Conference -

Washington, D. C.

April 19-24, 2024

For this experience, a small number (8-10 youth) are selected from across the state to attend this annual working conference, where you work with youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring. Applications for National 4-H Conference are submitted via a Qualtrics form and are **due December 1st**, with selection in late December 2023. Youth in grades 10-12 can apply. Check the National 4-H Conference website for details:

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

Space Camp - Huntsville, Alabama

April 18-22, 2024

Space Camp is just what you think it is – it's a camp experience where you learn and experience a ton of different aspects about life as an astronaut, working at NASA, and exploring places beyond Earth! Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp is an educational experience where youth from across the state take a bus down to Huntsville, Alabama, for a 4 day journey. Youth get the opportunity to venture away from home to meet new friends, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and learn all about space. **Registration is November 15-December 15** through 4HOnline. This camp may fill up before the deadline. Check the Space Camp website for details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/space-camp/>



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) - Washington, D.C. Late June 2024 (Sat.-Sat.)

This leadership program, led by the National 4-H Council, teaches the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. Wisconsin tentatively plans to travel with delegations during June, 2024. Registration for 2024 CWF will be done through 4HOnline, likely in December. Check the CWF website details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/citizenship-washington-focus/>

Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

Project Adult & Youth Leaders Needed!

Providing youth a place where they can explore their interests and passions is a priority in 4-H. We are seeking youth leaders, adult leaders, parents and community members who can help us create project learning opportunities related to any of our 60+ Projects, including...

Aerospace	Art
Bicycles	Birds
Child Development	Clothing
Computers	Crocheting
Creative Writing	Crops
Dogs	Drawing & Painting
Electricity	Fishing
Flowers	Forestry
Health	Home Environment
House Plants	Knitting
Pets	Photography
Recycling	Robotics
Scale Models	Small Engines
Vegetables	Veterinary Science
Wild Flowers	Woodworking

If you are interested in getting involved in creating project learning opportunities for any one of these topics, please contact Ellen at the Extension office.

County Standing Committees Need Adult & Youth Leaders!

Our County Standing Committees provide critical leadership to a variety of countywide programs and services. Please contact Ellen if you would be interested in learning more about serving a 1-3 year term on any of these 5 committees.

Awards & Recognition
Fundraising
Marketing & Promotions
Camp Financial
Cloverbud



4-H Performing Arts Committee

Do you like performing? If you do, then you should join the Performing Arts Committee! We lead the Art in the Park day, activities such as games, skits, storytelling and musical instruments like Boomwhackers. Every year in May, we organize a talent show in which any 4-H youth can participate. If you want to join our committee, contact us at performing.arts.committee.gco@gmail.com.

4-H Project Day—March 23 Seeking Presenters!!

4-H Project Day is designed to actively engage 4-H members, 3rd grade and older, in expanding their 4-H project knowledge through hands-on learning. We hope to offer sessions on a wide range of 4-H Projects!



We are going to try to organize two different Project Day events at two different locations, to allow even more variety of project learning experiences.

- Saturday, March 23 @ Blackhawk Technical College, Monroe (Deadline for proposals - Feb. 1st)
- Saturday, May/June TBD @ Fairgrounds

We are currently seeking older youth, adult volunteers, parents and community members interested in planning and presenting a session at our March 23rd 4-H Project Day at BTC. 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). Session proposals can be submitted at: <https://bit.ly/2024PDProposal>.

Please contact Ellen (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu or 608-328-9440) if you have any questions about this event.

4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, November 29th, 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, 7:00—8:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, 7:00—8:30 PM

Meetings will be held at the United Methodist Church (2227 4th Street, Monroe, WI 53566)

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, January 1 @ 6:15pm - 4-H Executive Board Mtg
- Monday, January 1 @ 7:30pm - 4-H Adult Leaders Mtg—Zoom Meeting Only. Zoom registration link: <https://bit.ly/4HAdultLdrs010322>

Family, Home & Health

4-H Foods & Nutrition Workshops

The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Committee is working hard on planning a variety of learning opportunities for this winter and spring. Please save the dates! Registration and location details to come in future weeks!



- Foods Workshop—Tue., Feb. 6 — 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Foods Workshop—Tue., Feb. 13 — 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Cloverbud Workshop—Sat., March 2 — 10:00-10:30am
- Cake Decorating Workshop—Sat., April 6 — 10:00am-12:00pm

Green County Pre-Fair Foods Events

Please also note there are two County Fair Foods Department events that are rapidly approaching — Foods Revue & Cake Revue. These events will be open to 4-H members and youth from other Green County youth organizations.

- Foods Review—Saturday, February 24—1:00pm
- Cake Review—Saturday, April 13—1:00pm

For more information on entry options and deadlines, go to: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/fairbook-jr-class>.

Arts & Communication

State Art Teams (Art and Drama)

The Drama Company (Gr. 8-13) and Art Team (Gr. 9-13) are looking for young leaders who may be interested in furthering their leadership and artistic skills as members of our State Teams. You can apply via the events tab in 4HOnline. Applications close January 16, 2024. For more information on how to apply, visit the state 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>



Celebrate the Arts Contest!

The Celebrate the Arts contest will continue for its 6th year! The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is looking to celebrate our Wisconsin artists, and is accepting submissions now through January 15th, 2024. All information is available at the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>

Natural Sciences

Shooting Sports Calendar Coming Soon!

Our 4-H Shooting Sports leaders have been working hard to secure dates and locations for this year's workshops. Exciting news this year...

- Air Rifle will now include a BB Gun option for youth in Gr. 3-5 (optional for 6th). This lighter gun will help the youth be more successful.
- Air Rifle workshops will be again held indoors, but this year at a location just north of Juda.
- A new 4-H Master Shooter Novice category has been added for youth in Gr. 3-6 to just include Archery, Air Pistol and BB Gun. Youth can do all 3 disciplines for \$30.

Watch your email and mail box for the 4-H Shooting Sports newsletter in early December to find out more about these and other exciting changes and opportunities.

This information will go out to anyone signed up for Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun. If you would like to add any of these projects to your 4HOnline account, please email swileman@wisc.edu.

Shooting Sports Open House & Deadlines

Mark your calendars now for the 4-H Shooting Sports Open House, **Thursday, January 4, 2024, 5:30-7:00pm** at the Green County Justice Center (2841 6th St. Monroe) in Room 1 in the lower level. Stop in anytime during this open house to talk with Shooting Sports leaders and turn in shooting sports paperwork and fees. If you can't make the Open House, the shooting sports paperwork and fees preferred deadline **will be Monday, January 8th**. New this year, there will be a late paperwork and fees deadline of January 15th, with an additional \$5 late fee (fee only waived for 1st year 4-H families). No paperwork or fees will be excepted after this deadline.

Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops

The Shooting Sports program is always looking for more adult volunteers! We are particularly in need of pistol leaders. If you are interested in becoming a shooting sports leader, there are two certification workshops coming up this winter!

- December 2, 2023—La Crosse County (Archery & Air Rifle/Rifle)
- February 3, 2024—Washington County (Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol)

For more information on certification workshops, or how to register, click the link: <https://go.wisc.edu/4x0h9u>.

Geology Workshop

Saturday, February 3

1:30-3:00pm

Learn how to figure out what rocks you have, what resources you need, and how to display them.



Animal Science

Equity Livestock Scholarship Opportunity

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association is offering ten \$1,250 college scholarships and four \$1000 technical college scholarships. Go to <http://www.equitycoop.com/> for more information. Application, transcript and letters of reference all due by November 30, 2023.

YQCA Certification

In 2024, 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.

Three types of trainings are being offered in 2024:

- **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 three 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 do not 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, 2023, CANNOT take the Instructor-Led Training, and instead must take the Web-Based Training.**

Extension Green County's Agriculture Educator, Jackie McCarville, will be leading an in-person training on Wednesday, December 27th at 10:00am. This training will be held at the Green County Justice Center (2841-6th Street, Monroe, WI) in the Multipurpose Rooms. For more detailed information about YQCA certification, visit the Extension Green County website: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2022/12/13/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>



Beef

Beef Exhibitor Promotion Program

The Green County Beef Producers are again sponsoring a Beef Exhibitor Promotion program to help young 4-H and FFA members grades 3 and up to get started with beef as a project. If you have an interest in showing beef but initial purchase finances are holding you back, please contact Allison Gorr 262-354-2925 by December 20th, for more information on how this promotion works.



Beef Weigh-In

The Beef Weigh-In date for the 2024 Green County Fair has been scheduled for Saturday, December 30, 2023 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM at Equity Livestock, Monroe. Market lot options include grade, cross, registered, and dairy steers and market heifers. See the Beef Department in the 2024 Fairbook for details: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/fairbook-jr-class>.

Swine

Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship

Deadlines vary on scholarships.

The Wisconsin Pork Association announces scholarships available to high school seniors and college students. Students with a sincere interest in the swine industry are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. More information and application forms are available on the Wisconsin Pork Association website: <http://www.wppa.org/scholarships/>

Wisconsin Pork Association—Youth Pig Project

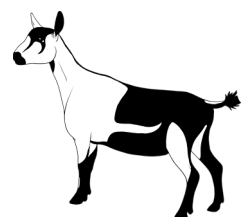
The Wisconsin Pork Association is continuing the Youth Pig Project giving \$100 scholarships to 4-H and FFA youth across the state! The Youth Pig Project scholarships are meant to help cover some of the cost of youth swine projects for the 2023-2024 year. For more information, visit the Wisconsin Pork Association website: <https://wppa.org/youth/youth-pig-project/>



Goats

Goat Committee Meeting

Monday, December 11th
5:30-6:30pm
Extension Conference Room,
Justice Center, Room 1
4-H Adult Leaders, Youth and Parents are all invited to attend this meeting and help planning fun and educational 4-H Goat Project opportunities.



Horse & Pony

State 4-H Horse Expo Results

Leilah King and Madison Melvin represented Green County 4-H at the 2023 State 4-H Horse Expo held September 15-17 at the WI State Fairgrounds in West Allis, Wis. Congratulations to these exhibitors for their hard work!



State 4-H Gymkhana Results

Chloe Pulver, Leilah King, Alexis Miller, Hailey Rasmussen, Rebecca Froseth, Hayden Elmer, Madison Melvin, and Molly Shares all attended the State Gymkhana competition. Hailey Rasmussen had an impressive run winning first place in Poles, Flag Race, Plug, LT Special, and the Key Race events. Chloe Pulver also competed placing 3rd in the Flag Race event. Alexis Miller placed 3rd in the Poles & Plug events.

Congratulations to all of our exhibitors for their hard work and impressive results!



Horse Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Green County Justice Center

Any horse project member or leader interested in helping plan educational opportunities for this year is welcome!



4-H Club Happenings

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

Washington Center 4-H

On October 15th the Washington Center 4-H Club met at the Monticello School cafeteria and held its annual officer elections. Mirielle Smith was re-elected to be the President, and Emily Goers was elected Vice President. Olivia Christen was elected Secretary and Micki Andrews was re-elected as the Treasurer. Sadie Mitchell completed the officer team and was elected as the Reporter.



Odds n Ends

4-H Arts Camp

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

Elena Boss (CCC), Micki Andrews (WC), Elizabeth Veeder (CCC), and Noah Kruse (NxG) all attended Arts Camp at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells!





Green County 4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Green County Justice Center (2841 6th St, Monroe)
Check-in Begins at 12:45 PM



DIVISIONS WILL PROMPTLY START AT 1:00 PM

Registration deadline for this event is Sunday, January 28.

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, January 28, 2024.

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

- Online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/4HComContest2024>
- Contact the Extension Office (608-328-9440 or swileman@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.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news

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

NOV. 2023	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
23-24	Thanksgiving Observed—Extension Office Closed			
29	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
DEC. 2023	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	Club enrollment dues payment DEADLINE		4:30 PM	Extension Office
1	DEADLINE to complete 4-H Thrive Survey		11:59 PM	See email from Josset Gauley
11	4-H Goat Committee Meeting	5:30 PM		Room 1, Justice Center
23-26	Christmas Observed - Extension Office Closed			
30	Beef Weigh-In	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Equity Livestock, Monroe
JAN. 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	New Year's Day—Extension office Closed			
1	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
1	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Zoom Only
4	4-H Shooting Sports Open House	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
8	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports Registration		11:59 PM	Extension Office
10	4-H Horse Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
15	DEADLINE to add/delete projects in 4HOnline		11:59 PM	swileman@wisc.edu
15	DEADLINE 4-H Enrollment for new members		11:59 PM	https://v2.4honline.com
15	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports (\$5 late fee)		11:59 PM	Extension Office
16	4-H Performing Arts Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
28	DEADLINE for 4-H Communication Contest		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/4HComContest2024
FEB. 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE for 4-H Project Day Proposals		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/2024PDProposal
4	4-H Communications Contest	1:00 PM		Justice Center
5	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
10	4-H Horse Kick-Off & Movie Night	TBA		Justice Center
24	County Fair Foods Review	1:00 PM		Justice Center
28	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
MAR. 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
4	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
4	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Zoom Only
23	4-H Project Day	9:00 AM	11:50 AM	Black Hawk Technical College

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: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>
Be sure to check the 4-H Calendar Page for up-to-date information as events approach:
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