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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 simple question of “*What do you want to learn in 4-H this year?*” is a really important question. In our already busy lives, knowing what we want to learn can help us be more intentional about how we participate in 4-H and help us get the most out of this tremendous youth-driven program?

4-H Members in 3rd Grade & Older

Did you know that you can still add 4-H projects to your 4HOnline profile by contacting the Extension Office? We encourage you to sign up for any projects that you think you might be interested in learning about. This way, if a new learning opportunity comes up, we know that you might be interested and can send you that information.

What new ideas/skills/experiences do I want to learn, try and/or discover in this project this year? Once you have finalized your 4-H projects for the year, we strongly encourage members to write down 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. 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. 4-H Record Books are required of all 4-H members in 3rd grade and older who wish to be eligible to exhibit through 4-H next year. Information on 4-H Record Books is available on the [Green County 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 4-H Project Leaders to set 4-H goals! Setting goals can help you prioritize your opportunities for creating meaningful learning experiences with our youth. Interested in planning an activity, 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!

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 learn and grow.

Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H Attendance Requirement

Remember, to exhibit as a 4-H member at the 2024 County Fair, youth must attend at least four 4-H meetings, events, or workshops between 9/1/2023 and 4/22/2024, with at least two being 4-H Club meetings.

2 Summer Job Opportunities

Green County Extension has two great summer job opportunities for college students. Both are great resume builders. Help us spread the word! See pages 11-12 for more details. Applications due by January 19th.

New Family Corner

Each newsletter, we 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, 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.



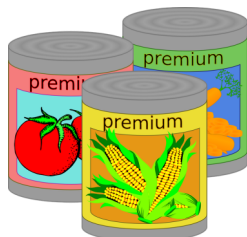
Make 4-H Meetings a Positive Experience

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 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/NFNClubMeetings>.

Thank You!

- To the 4-H leaders who taught sessions at 4-H Club Leadership Team Training: Correna Storkson, Dawn Smith, Skye Dickson, Katy Dickson, Tyler Sievers, and Mirielle Smith.
- To our 4-H Adult Leaders who coordinated the 4-H Meals on Wheels Boxes service project - Pat (and Dale) Sleiter and our partners at ADRC of Southwest WI - Green County, including the Aging Programs Coordinator, Morgan Kennison!



- To the 4-H Clubs and families who donated to our 4-H Meals on Wheels - Jolly Mixers, New Glarus, Young Americans, Browntown Busy Beavers, Juda Jolly Juniors, Dougherty Creek, Next Generation, Clarence Bridge Pioneers, Spring Grove Honest Workers, Washington Center, Dayton Dairylanders and Dane Merritt and the youth and families who helped to pack 130 boxes!



Congratulations!

- To Simon Moore, Katelynn Jorenby, Kiera Indergand, and Mirielle Smith for receiving a \$25 gift card for completing the Thrive Survey!
- To Dawn Smith for being selected as a Southern Region adult representative to the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council!



4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Project Days—Save the Dates!

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

Saturday, March 23— 9:00-11:50am (Grades 3rd-13th)

- Blackhawk Technical College (Monroe)

Saturday, June 8th—9:00am-11:50am (Grades 5K-13th)

- Green County Fairgrounds (Monroe)

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? Session proposals can be submitted at: <https://bit.ly/2024PDProposal>. Session proposals are due February 1st for the first event! Please contact Ellen (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu or 608-328-9440) if you have any questions about this event.

4-H Communications Contest—February 4th!

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 10 of this Alphorn for more info. Register by January 28th at: <https://bit.ly/4HComContest2024>.

4-H Camp Staff Needed (Older Youth & Adults)

Do you enjoy working with youth and having fun outdoors? If so, please consider applying to be part of our volunteer 4-H Camp Staff Team, where older youth and adults work together to plan and lead awesome camp experiences!

Our **4-H Base Camp** for youth in **3rd-6th grade** will be **August 7-10, 2024**. No previous camp experience is necessary! For details on the Camp Staff roles, training requirements, and application process, go to:

- Youth Staff Position Description—
<https://go.wisc.edu/2qi752>
- Adult Staff Position Description—
<https://go.wisc.edu/1eyz1h>



Camp Staff Team application are **requested by March 1**.

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.

4-H Summer Academy – UW-Madison

June 24-27, 2024

Discover pathways to your future! Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Youth must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of registration. The cost will be approximately \$450 (includes lodging and meals), and registration will be open April 1-30, 2024.

National 4-H Congress – Atlanta, Georgia

TENTATIVE November 22-26, 2024

National 4-H Congress is a five-day premiere nation-wide 4-H event in Atlanta, GA, where 4-Hers 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 1/1/2024. The cost will be approximately \$1,200, and registrations will be tentatively be open July 2024.

Green County 4-H Scholarships & Awards

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), including for...
 - * *4-H Summer Academy*—June 24-27, 2024
 - * *National 4-H Congress*—November 22-26, 2024
- **4-H Key Award** – Top award a WI 4-H Youth can receive (11th-13th Gr)
- **4-H College Scholarships** – Funds for post-high school education (4-H members in 12th-13th Gr)
 - * *4-H Adult Leaders Scholarship* – Three \$500 scholarships
 - * *Cindi Miller Memorial Scholarship*—Two \$1,000 scholarships



There are three parts to this process...

- **Application**—Youth submit a cover letter, resume and essay **by Tuesday, February 20, 2024**.
- **Interview**—Youth applicants will participate in an interview **on Wednesday, March 6, 2024**.
- **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, and details on how to apply, go to the 4-H Forms website, look under “Older Youth Opportunities”:

<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

A list of available post-secondary scholarships can be found on our website at green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships/

WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships in 2024. Applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM. To be eligible, 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 2024-2025 academic school year.

Please visit: wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/.

WSF Dairy Promotion Scholarships

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals that will be third or fourth year college students during the 2024-25 academic year and are pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. All applications must be submitted electronically as a PDF by January 26, 2024. Application and more information can be found at: <https://wsfdairypromo.org/scholarships>.

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 many different project areas.

Curriculum Library – The county Extension office also has a curriculum library, which can be checked out during normal business hours.

If you have questions about 4-H Project Curriculum, contact Samantha at the Extension Office. (swileman@wisc.edu)

Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

County Standing Committees

Need Adult & Youth Leaders!

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 our 5 committees. These committees include: Awards & Recognition, Camp Financial, Cloverbud, Fundraising, and Marketing & Promotions.

4-H Adult Leader Association Meetings

A friendly reminder that Green County 4-H Adult Leaders, Inc. meetings are open to all approved 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 4-H Adult Leaders Assoc. meeting dates:

- Monday, January 1, 7:30-8:30 PM (Zoom ONLY) - <https://go.wisc.edu/yltv1b>
- Monday, March 4, 7:30—8:30 PM (Zoom ONLY) - <https://go.wisc.edu/806n94>

Agendas and meeting materials can be found at: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders/>

4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00-8:30pm
Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St.

Cloverbud Corner

Cloverbud Cookie Workshop

Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10:00 - 10:30 AM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center

Event is open to all Cloverbuds (gr. K-2). Youth will learn basic techniques by decorating cookies, and will be able to take home their creations. Members will also read a book.

Parent/Guardian is asked to stay for this workshop.

Register by Monday, February 26 using the following link: <https://forms.gle/NBMsC6EUdTACLSPG8>



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. For more information about these events, please visit: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/foods/>

Foods Workshop - Grades 3 - 6

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: TBD

This event is open to all members of the Foods and Nutrition project and Exploring project in **grades 3 - 6**. You must be enrolled in one of the projects to participate. In this workshop, 3rd-4th graders will be making homemade pudding, cornbread, and deviled eggs, while the 5th-6th graders will make a meal in a bowl, and unbaked bars. Register by Thursday, February 1 using the following link: <https://forms.gle/6owzxFr1czwJXGfSA>

Foods Workshop—Grades 7 - 12

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: TBD

This event is open to all members of the Foods and Nutrition project and Exploring project in **grades 7-12**. You must be enrolled in one of the projects to participate. For this workshop, 7th-9th graders will be making a baked dessert bar and soup, while the 10th-12th graders will be making yeast rolls and a pot pie. Register by Thursday, February 8 using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/tcdqA7GNbrsrgQ1v5>



Cake Decorating Workshop

Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

This event is open to all members of the Foods and Nutrition project and Exploring project in **grades 3 and up**. You must be enrolled in one of the projects to participate. Youth will be broken up into skill levels where beginners will decorate a 1-layer cake, and intermediate and advanced members will decorate a 2-layered cake. 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. If you have your own decorating tips you'd like to use, please bring them. Otherwise, materials will be provided for everyone.

Register by Sunday, April 1 using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/KjvkrLJm8iYTwxwg9>



Green County Fair Foods Department Pre-Fair Events

NEW this year, registration for County Fair Judging Events will occur through Fair Entry, and will be open to all approved youth organizations with an educational purpose, by going to: (<http://greencountyfairjunior.fairentry.com>). For the Foods Department rules and entry options, read the "Dept. 25 Food Nutrition" document at: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/fairbook-jr-class>.

Foods Revue

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 1:00 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. *Registration for this contest will be open February 1-16, 2024.*

Cake Revue

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM
Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Youth prepare and present cake decorating projects for judging. Cake Revue is a Pre-Fair, premium earning event. *Registration will be open March 21—April 5, 2024.*

Arts & Communication

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 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.



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 joining 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 closes January 15, 2024! The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is looking to celebrate our Wisconsin artists. All information is available at the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>

Natural Sciences

Geology Workshop

Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 1:30-3:00pm
Rooms 2 & 3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Learn how to figure out what rocks you have, what resources you need, and how to display them. Register by Thursday, February 1 using the following link: <https://forms.gle/1A69MW84YpVFjD6o9>



Shooting Sports Open House

Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 5:30-7:00pm
Room 1, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Don't forget to attend the Shooting Sports Open House event on January 4th at 5:30pm. Come complete permission form, pay project fees, and ask questions! Members must turn in their required forms and project fees to the Open House or the Extension Office by **January 8th**! If you miss the deadline, you will have one week to turn in your forms and fees with a \$5 additional late fee by January 15th. (Late fees will only be waived for first year families). For more Shooting Sports information, visit the Extension Green County website: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>

2024 Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots

The Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports program has two competitive shoots coming up this March. To participate in competitive shoots, 4-H members must be:

1. Currently enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports project.
2. Actively participating in 4-H Shooting Sports training or successfully complete 4-H Shooting Sports training.
3. Participating with the approval of their 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor.

The upcoming competitive shoots will be:

- March 1-2, 2024 in Marshfield, WI
Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery
- March 22-23, 2024 in West Bend, WI
Indoor Archery, Indoor Air Rifle

For more information on the Wisconsin Shooting Sports program and available competitive shoots, visit the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn By Doing

2024 Shooting Sports Newsletter

The 2024 4-H Shooting Sports newsletter is live on our website! Learn more about the shooting sports project and how you can get involved! Visit our 2024 Shooting Sports Newsletter: <https://go.wisc.edu/60b952>

Animal Science

YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals 2024 YQCA Certification

Again this year, Wisconsin will use the YQCA program, a youth education certification program on the issues of animal welfare, food safety and character education.

For 2024, this certification will be required of:

- **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**

YQCA gives families more flexibility in gaining this required certification by offering them three methods:

- **Web-Based Training**
- **Test-out option**
- **Instructor Led Training**

Extension Green County's Agriculture Educator, Jackie McCarville, will be leading an in-person training in March or April. More information regarding this training will be included in the March-April Alphon. To learn more about training options, see the flyer on page 9 of this Alphon for more info. For more information please see:

<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2021/12/08/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/>

Livestock Premise ID

Livestock Premise Registration Numbers must be obtained for the location(s) where your animals are housed.

A Livestock Premise ID number must be obtained for all animal projects with the exception of cats, dogs, & rabbits.

The livestock premise registration program is intended to protect animal health, as well as the security of the food chain. Any person who keeps one or more livestock animals at a location in Wisconsin is required to register that location. To "keep livestock" means to own, feed, house, confine or care for livestock, or to exercise legal or physical control over livestock. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 608-328-9440. To register for a livestock premise ID number online, visit the website at www.wiid.org.

NOTE: NO FAIR ENTRY can be entered online for showing without a premise ID number for all animal projects (excluding cats, dogs & rabbits)!

Dairy

Reminder: Dairy Rule Change for County Fair

Registered animals are **not** allowed to show in the Grade classes. Exhibitors and Owners and their immediate families found in violation of this rule will forfeit all awards and be permanently banned from any exhibiting at the Green County Fair. Immediate family includes children and step-children of both the exhibitor and owner.



Beef

Beef Nutrition Clinic

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Monroe Fire Department #1

The Green County Beef Producers will be hosting a beef nutrition clinic at the Monroe Fire Department #1. Members will receive information about feeding beef cattle and changes they can make to their feeding program. This event is in cooperation with our 4-H Beef Project leaders and can count as a 4-H workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Montgomery at brookmont@yahoo.com or 608-558-9636.



Swine

2024 Swine ID Procedure

Similar to last year, Green County Fair Swine Exhibitors will be required to self-identify their pigs. Exhibitors will be required to tag their pigs with RFID tags, picked up at the Green County Extension Office and do picture identifications for each 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 25 and April 12 to exhibit their pigs at the 2024 fair.



The Green County Extension office will loan out ear taggers for exhibitors to use to tag 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. 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.

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 12. 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 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. The Wisconsin Pork Association is looking to give away 50 scholarships in three age divisions this year. For more information, visit the Wisconsin Pork Association website: <https://wppa.org/youth/youth-pig-project/>

Reminder: Exhibiting Swine in other states

As a reminder, if you exhibit pigs in another state and the pigs return to Wisconsin after the show, you must notify the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) of the movement before returning to Wisconsin and before exhibiting the same pigs at the Green County Fair. The WI DATCP may issue you an import permit, and upon re-entry into Wisconsin, the pigs, herd of origin, or both will be quarantined until a herd plan is developed and approved.

Sheep & Goats

2024 Market Lamb

Identification

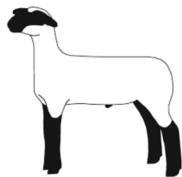
All market lambs being ID'd for the fair need to have an RFID tag and a scrapie tag. Both tags will also need to be entered on your online entries. One ID picture needs to be taken - a front view that clearly displays the lamb's head, RFID tag, and scrapie tag. Use the Lamb ID forms to mount the picture on and fill in the information pertinent to that lamb.

Picture ID Forms and RFID tags will be available April 8 through April 19 and must be returned to Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on April 19, 2024 to exhibit market lambs at the 2024 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.

Youth will need their Lamb RFID and scrapie tag numbers to enter on their online fair entry form. Fair entry forms will need to be entered online by May 20, 2024. Auction Entry Forms will need to be turned into Extension Green County by May 20 also. No Exceptions! By June 21, 2024, two buyer cards must be completed and turned into the Extension Green County office.

Performance Lamb Class

Again this year at the Green County Fair, the performance lamb class will be the same as held last year. Please make sure to consult the 2024 Fairbook for the specific class when submitting your online Fair entries in May.



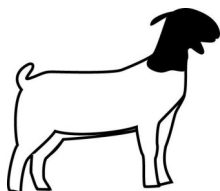
Goat Committee Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm
Room 3, Green County Justice Center

We will be discussing and planning a workshop for 4-H Project Day on

Saturday, March 23. The committee

will also be working to plan additional workshops to encourage members to join the goat project! If you would like to join the goat project, please contact the Extension Office to add the goat project to your 4HOnline account.



2024 Market Goat ID Procedures

All breeding and market goats exhibited at the Green County Fair must be identified in one of three ways: a legible tattoo with accompanying registration papers from a recognized breed association, a USDA Scrapie Flock Tag or an USDA RFID Tag placed in their ear PRIOR to entering the fairgrounds.

NOTE: All market wethers in lot 30 must be identified with an RFID tag from the Extension Office to earn eligibility to sell in the 2024 Meat Animal Auction.

RFID tags will be available April 8 through April 19 and must be returned to Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on April 19 to exhibit market goats at the 2024 Green County Fair. Goat ID Forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at the Extension Green County drop box in our front lobby.

Horse & Pony

Horse Project

Kick-off & Movie Night

Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 3:00 - 5:30 PM

Rooms 2 & 3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

Any youth interested in participating in the 4-H Horse or Horseless Horse projects this year should plan to attend this open house. We'll have several hands-on activity stations, clinic information, you'll be able to pay project dues and ask any questions you might have.

- 3:00 - 3:30 pm— Horse Project Meeting
There will be a short horse project meeting to discuss the 2024 season as well as recognize the 2023 high point award winners! Members will receive information regarding the 2024 season and will have time to complete necessary paperwork and pay fees. Fees must be paid to attend clinics, state shows, and high point awards.
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm - Station Time
There will be different stations about safety, western and English disciplines, etc.
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm - Horse movie and popcorn!



Please note:

- Youth who intend to bring a horse to any 4-H clinics, 4-H Ride Nights, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or 4-H Games Day, or wish to be eligible for State 4-H Horse Shows or the 4-H High Point Contest, will need to submit:
 - ⇒ 4-H Horse Project Fees - \$30 per youth or \$50 per family. Project fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more. These fees can also be paid at the Open House on February 10.
 - ⇒ Coggins for each horse, with the Premise ID for where the horse is stabled, written at the top of the Coggins form. Coggins must be in color with clear photos.

Questions about the 4-H Horse Project can be directed to the Extension Office or the 4-H Horse Committee chair, Carla Melvin- colorfulapps@hotmail.com.

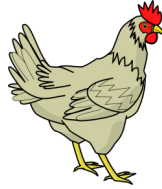
Horse Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Room 1, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Any horse project member or leader interested in helping plan educational opportunities for this year is welcome!

Poultry

Poultry Workshop

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00pm
Rooms 2 & 3, Green County Justice Center
The Poultry Committee will be hosting a poultry workshop with a guest speaker to learn more about general poultry topics, picking out birds, different breeds, and general care of poultry. All project members and leaders are welcome!



2024 Green County Fair Updates

Alternate Entries

Dairy exhibitors, as well as Beef and Sheep breeding stock exhibitors, will be allowed one alternate entry. Alternate does NOT have to be in the same class, but it must be listed on the exhibitors fair entries.

Meat Animal Auction - Other Fair Auctions

Exhibitors who sell animals in any other Fairs Meat Animal Auction are not eligible to sell at the Green County Fair Meat Animal Auctions that same year. The only exception to this rule would be if their animals are sold through the Governor's Auction at the WI State Fair. Youth may also participate in other Youth Fair Auctions where their animals are not sold without losing their eligibility to participate in the Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction.

Extension News

Summer Assistant Position

Under the general direction of the 4-H Youth Development Educator and Extension Office Manager, this position is designed to support and expand 4-H youth development opportunities and other Extension programs during the summer months. The Summer Assistant will increase his/her knowledge of youth development programs, volunteer development, community partnerships, office operations and University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for youth development, educational, agricultural, and community-based careers. This is an on-site position at Extension Green County office located at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI.

For more information regarding this position, please visit the Extension Green County Website:
<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2023/12/13/extension-green-county-summer-assistant-apply-now/>

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AmeriCorps Position

The AmeriCorps member will work directly with community organizations to create new 4-H club environments that foster belonging and engage youth ages 5-12 in weekly project-based learning that sparks a variety of interests. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for youth development, educational, and community-based careers. This is an on-site position at Extension Green County office located at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI.

For more information regarding this position, please visit the Extension Green County Website:

<https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2023/12/14/americorps-summer-position/>

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 swileman@wisc.edu.

Clarence Bridge Pioneers

On December 3rd the Clarence Bridge Pioneers (CBP) hosted their December meeting and Community Service activity. They held their Christmas Party and wrapped gifts for Family Promise and Mitten Tree. Members also brought in craft supplies for making cards. Some of the cards were delivered to the teachers and staff at the Brodhead Elementary School. As a club, CBP ate pizza and snacks and listened to Christmas music. Submitted by Carmen Strohecker-Hughes



Dayton Dairylanders

On December 11th, the Dayton Dairylanders 4-H Club met at the Belleville Elementary School cafeteria. The Club made 12 tie-blankets and brought donations for 30 Senior gift bags at the meeting. The blankets will be donated to the Children's Hospital, a Homeless Shelter, and the New Glarus Nursing Home. Submitted by Cassie Schultz





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**

In 2024—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 2024 Green County Fair.

2024 YQCA Training Options

All 2024 YQCA Training options MUST be registered and paid for online at:
<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Two types of training 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 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.

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, 2023**.

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 2024.

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

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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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2024 SUMMER ASSISTANT POSITION

Now accepting applications through January 19th, 2024

Description

This position is designed to support and expand 4-H youth development opportunities and other Extension programs. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for youth development, educational, agricultural, and community-based careers. This position will start in late May and end in mid-August.

More Information:

 **Apply Now**

Applications can be found at:
<http://www.greencountywi.org/>

Position description can be found at:
<https://go.wisc.edu/2d4kz6>



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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

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

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	8:30 PM	Zoom Only
3	Beef Nutrition Clinic	6:00 PM		Monroe Fire Department #1
4	4-H Shooting Sports Open House	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
8	4-H Goat Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Room 3, 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 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
18	Poultry Workshop	7:00 PM		Rooms 2 & 3, 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/2024PDPProposal
1	DEADLINE - Foods Workshop (Gr. 3-6) Registration		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/3-6FoodWorkshop
1	DEADLINE - Geology Workshop Registration		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/GeoWorkFeb2024
3	4-H Geology Workshop	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
4	4-H Communications Contest	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
5	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
6	4-H Foods Workshop (Grades 3-6)	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	TBA
8	DEADLINE - Foods Workshop (Gr. 7-12) Registration		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/7-12FoodWorkshop
10	4-H Horse Kick-Off & Movie Night	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
13	4-H Foods Workshop (Grades 7-12)	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	TBA
16	DEADLINE County Fair Foods Revue Registration (Opens Feb. 1)		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/p82mx0
20	DEADLINE for Spring Travel Scholarship Applications		11:59 PM	Extension Office
24	County Fair Foods Review	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
26	DEADLINE - Cloverbud Foods Workshop Registration		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/CloverFood2024
28	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
MARCH 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1				
2	4-H Foods Cloverbud Workshop	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
4	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
4	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Zoom Only
6	Spring Travel Scholarship Interviews	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Extension Conference Room

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
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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