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The Alphorn Your 4-H Family Newsletter

March/April 2024

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Dear 4-H Families,

We are glad that you have chosen to make 4-H a part of your life, because you believe in the impact that 4-H can have on our youth, helping them grow into caring and courageous leaders in our community. In this same spirit, we hope that you will make time to be active in monthly club meetings and activities, while also carving out time to engage in some meaningful project learning opportunities.

Engagement is important in helping our 4-H members thrive in and beyond our 4-H program. To reimburse best practice, Green County 4-H has a "member in-goodstanding" policy in order for a 4-H members in 3rd grade or older to be eligible to represent the Green County 4-H Program as a participant at the County Fair, at state or national 4-H contests that require county authorization, or to be eligible for recognition from the Green County 4-H program in the form of a county 4-H award or 4-H scholarship. A "member in-good-standing" must:

- a. Enroll by the 4-H enrollment deadline (Re-enrolling: Nov. 1; New Family's: Jan. 15).
- b. 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 event counted toward this attendance requirement, it is the responsibility of the member to notify the 4-H Club Organizational Leader.

*Members enrolled in post-high school educational opportunities outside the area are waived from this requirement. However, when home should try to attend.

- Pay membership dues (unless waived) and have no outstanding 4-H bills. c.
- d. Complete a 4-H Record Book (either County, Club, or Minimal level record book).

Sincerely, Ellen Andrews



Next Alphorn Deadline:

April 15th

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



https://greencountyfair.net/

4-II Project Day!

Saturday, March 23 @ 9:00 AM Blackhawk Technical College, Monroe Learn about model rockets, precision farming, clay art, robotics, and more! Register by March 12. See page 11-12 for details on how to register.

https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/

New Family Corner

Thank You!

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

Learn the Language

4-H uses terms that may be unfamiliar or used differently than what you've experienced in other places. Some of those words are explained here, but there may be some more terms you hear that aren't listed. Don't be afraid to ask your club leader if you're not sure what something means.

4-H words you might hear in your Club

A 4-H club is made up of youth **members** and caring adult volunteers who meet regularly. Clubs typically conduct business, serve the community, and have fun! Clubs can also be school-based, afterschool or have a project area focus. A **Cloverbud** is a 4-H member in grades K-2. All clubs have at least one adult club **leader** who works with youth leaders to guide the group. 4-H clubs often do **community service** projects to make a difference in their community. Members track project progress throughout the year (and their 4-H career) through a **record book.** Clubs may also encourage members to give a **demonstration**, where they teach a project-based skill to other members.

4-H words you might hear across your County

County 4-H programs offer opportunities for youth such as project days, camps, and more. For many 4-H members, one of the highlights of the year is showcasing their hard work at a local **fair**. At the fair, members enter their project as an **exhibit**. Green County 4-H also has a **Leaders Organization** made up of adult volunteers and youth leaders. This group provides education, raises funds, and promotes 4-H throughout the county.

4-H words you might hear across Wisconsin

In 1914, the Smith-Lever Act established a partnership between the USDA and land-grant institutions. In 1890, it expanded to include historically black colleges and universities, and in 1994 added tribal colleges. This partnership is known as Cooperative **Extension**. In Wisconsin, Extension is a division of UW-Madison and is home to the Wisconsin 4-H program. UW-Madison employs a county **4-H Educator** who leads and coordinates the county's 4-H program. Wisconsin 4-H uses the web platform, **4-H Online**, to keep in touch with 4-H members. On this website,

members can also enroll in an **educational experience**, which is an educational travel

opportunity organized by the state 4-H office.

To learn more about 4-H Language and test your learning with a crossword puzzle, please check out our "Exploring 4-H for New Families" newsletter at: https://bit.ly/NFNTerminology.



- Thank you Colony Brands! Through the Colony Brands Associate Donation Program, Green County 4-H received a generous monetary donation that we are in turn using to offer 4-H Club & Project Mini Grants.
- To everyone that participated in the 2024 4-H Communications Contest! Thank you also to our judges this year, Siara Schwartzlow and Stephanie Wiegel!
- To the 4-H Shooting Sports Committee for planning a great shooting sports season, hosting their kick off open house in January!
- To 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Jason Schultz, Dave Rolli, Simon Larson, Jim Crubaugh, Justin Monson, Kory Keehn, Peter Bernstein, and Pat McCullough, and youth leaders, Isabelle Rolli, Molly McCullough, and Adelynn Monson, for planning and putting on two weekends of Air Pistol, Air Rifle, and BB Gun Clinics and Fair Shoots.
- To 4-H Volunteers Chris Smith, Jackie Shares, Eric Zilliox, Eric Goers, Ryan Indergand, Amy Krajeck, and Liz Niemeier for assisting the 4-H Shooting Sports Committee with their Clinics and Fair Shoots.
- To Ron & Lisa Allen for allowing our Shooting Sports Project Members to use their facility.
- To 4-H Foods Leaders, Heidi Rufer, DarLyne Schneider, and Pat Sleiter, for putting on two Foods workshops.
- To the Horse Committee for planning a wonderful variety of educational clinics for this spring as well as hosting their kick off open house in February!
- To the Green County Beef Producers and Pork Producers for offering educational project workshops for our youth!



Congratulations!

• To RaeLynn Niemeier for receiving a Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Pig Project Scholarship!

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Project Day

Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:00-11:50am

Blackhawk Technical College, Monroe 4-H Project Day will actively engage

4-H members, 3rd grade and older, in expanding their 4-H project knowledge through hands-on learning. We will be offering sessions in foods, robotics, animal science, aerospace, agriculture, arts and crafts and more! Please register for this event at the following link:

https://bit.ly/24SpringPD

Registration are due by **Tuesday, March 12**. Please see the flyer on pages 11-12 for more info and session descriptions.

4-H Outpost Camp

4-H youth in grades 7-8 are encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to participate in our 4-H Outpost Camp, June 20-23, 2024 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. 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. Travel and registration details will be available by April. Registration and payment are due by **May 31st**.

4-H Summer Base Camp

Mark your calendar now for our return to 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells, August 7-10, 2024 for 4-H youth in grades 3-6. Transportation will be provided. Youth will stay in cabins, enjoy meals in the dinning hall and nightly campfires, along with lots of fun recreation, nature, water and craft activities. Green County 4-H Camp registration and fee information will be emailed out April 1st and available in the May 4-H Newsletter. We anticipate the registration deadline in mid-late June.

Interested in being an Adult Volunteer at 4-H Base Camp? Reach out to Ellen (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu) to find out how you can get involved.



Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

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 (<u>https://v2.4honline.com/</u>) and agree to behavior expectations.
- 2. Pass a criminal background check every 4 years.
- Complete several trainings, all 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) for more information.

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 2024 can request a one-time funding equaling \$5 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** 4-H project leaders can request funding (\$50-\$200) to cover expenses for a countywide 4-H project learning experience.

More information and the application form is available at: https://go.wisc.edu/k4x3p1

4-H Summer Project Day—Seeking Presenters

We are seeking older youth and adult volunteers interested in teaching a session and recruiting presenters for the 4-H Summer Project Day event to allow even more possible project learning experiences...

• Saturday, June 8th @ Green County Fairgrounds (Deadline for proposals - April 1st)

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: <u>https://bit.ly/2024PDProposal</u>.

4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 7:00-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 7:00-8:30 PM

Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St, Monroe All 4-H members in 6th grade or above are invited to attend. For more information about the Green County 4-H Junior Leaders, please contact Deb Myers at 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. Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, March 4, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM Zoom meeting only. For Zoom or Phone connection info, please register at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/806n94</u>
- Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM In-person & Zoom options. For Zoom info, please go to: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/a24xnw</u>

The Executive Board will meet prior to the Adult Leaders meetings in Room 1 at 6:15 PM, and the Adult Leaders will convene at 7:30 PM in Rooms 2 & 3 of the Justice Center.

Friend of 4-H & Volunteer Awards

Who is that adult who had a positive impact on your life through 4-H? What business or organization has generously supported the 4-H program and deserve recognition? Please consider nominating them for the Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year, and Lifetime Volunteer awards.

- Friend of 4-H Award an individual, organization, or business for outstanding service to and support of 4-H.
- **4-H Lifetime Volunteer Award** To an outstanding 4-H leader with 10 or more years of volunteer service.
- **4-H Volunteer of the Year Award**—To an outstanding 4-H leader with less than 10 years of volunteer service.

These awards will be presented at 4-H Graduation on July 21st at the Green County Fair. **Nominations are due by June 15th at: <u>https://forms.gle/J9bBnDELofZNtoNL9</u>.**

Family, Home & Health

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: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/h60q3e</u>

Green County Fair Cake Revue

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe *Registration will be open* **March 21—April 5, 2024.** To learn more, see page 13 of this Alphorn.

Arts & Communication

4-H Art in the Park & Theater Troupe

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm—Art in the Park 12:00pm-1:00pm—Theater Troupe New Glarus Woods State Park



Explore the theater arts through a playful afternoon in the woods. Drawing from the natural environment, participants will

create a character and learn how to bring this character to life on stage. We will explore sounds in nature and ways sound and music can help tell a story in the theater. By the end of the workshop we will weave multiple characters into a short performance.

Youth wanting an extra theater experience will be invited to stay for an additional hour to learn a short performance or improv routine that we will perform at the 4-H Talent Show on Friday, May 31. There will be no rehearsals in between, just a short session after Arts in the Park and then the Talent Show Dress Rehearsal on the evening of May 29.

This event is free and open to 4-H youth in grades 3-8. Event will take place weather-permitting with "rain location" at the Extension Office. Park sticker will be required only if participants will have a vehicle parked on site for the duration of the event.

Register by **Sunday, April 7** at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/0cof5f</u>

4-H Talent Show

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 6:00 PM Twining Park Band Shell, Monroe

We are searching for participants for an entertaining and enjoyable talent show. The event will be open to all 4-H members (5K-13th Gr.). The talent show will be free to attend and to perform in. Any type of performance is welcome; magic, comedy, singing, piano, instrumental, dance, spoken word, etc. Both individual and team acts are welcomed. There is a limit of 30 acts total, with priority given to involving as many youth as possible in at least one act. Youth in the talent show will be required to attend a dress rehearsal on the evening of Wednesday, May 29 at the bandshell.

Register by Sunday, May 19 at: https://forms.gle/WDdJCRzNpStv638P8

Natural Sciences

TRACKS Newsletter

Get the latest info and newsletter from Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry on our Shooting Sports webpage: <u>https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-</u> <u>development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/</u>

Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops

The Shooting Sports program is always looking for more adult volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a shooting sports leader, there are three certification workshops coming up this spring!

- April 6, 2024—New Franken, WI (Archery, Air Rifle/Rifle & Shotgun)
- May 4, 2024—Eau Claire, WI

(Archery, Air Rifle/Rifle, Muzzleloader & Shotgun) For more information on certification workshops, or how to register, click the link: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/4x0h9u</u>.

2024 Competitive Shoots

There are several competitive shoots coming up that 4-H Shooting Sports members can participate in. Youth must have approval of their 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor.

- March 30, April 5-6—Chippewa County 4-H BB Gun Sectional & Air Rifle, Bloomer, WI
- April 27—Peterson Competitive Shoot—Air Rifle, Air Pistol & Archery, Augusta, WI
- May 10-11—Annual Shawano County All Star Shootout— Archery, Air Rifle,& Air Pistol, Shawano, WI
- June 7-8 Brown County Statewide Shoot De Pere Sportsmen's Club, De Pere, WI
- June 14-15 Triple Crown Statewide Invitational Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, Marshfield, WI
- June 16 Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast Marshfield Trap & Skeet Club, Marshfield, WI Interested in participating in some competitive shoots this spring and summer? Check out the list of events at: <u>https://bit.ly/4hCompetitiveShoot</u>

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 on **Saturday, March 2, 2024** from 9:45 AM—11:00 AM. This training will be held at the Green County Human Services Building (N3152 WI-81, Monroe). This will be the **LAST TRAINING** in Green County before the Green County Fair. Before participating in this training, members MUST register online, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pre-test. To learn more about training options, see the flyer on page 13 of this Alphorn for more info. For more information please see: <u>https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2024/01/26/yqca-youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals/</u>

4-H Livestock Skillathon & Quiz Bowl

Saturday, March 16, 2024 UW-Madison Campus Registration Deadline: March 1 through 4HOnline



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.

More information and registration available at: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-</u> <u>events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-</u> <u>contest/</u>

If you have any questions, please contact Jill at <u>jill.jorgensen@wisc.edu</u>/phone at 920-39104659 or Bernie at <u>borourke2@wisc.edu</u>/phone at 608-263-4304.

Area Animal Science Day (AASD)

Green County will be hosting 1 of 2 WI 4-H Area Animal Science Day events on **Thursday, June 20th** at the Green County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of animals, while also increasing decisionmaking skills through animal judging. We hope to host...

- Dairy Judging (see below)
- **Dairy Showmanship**—Must be at least 12 year old. Will show several different provided heifers & cows.
- Livestock Judging—Will evaluate and place beef heifers, market steers, ewes, market lambs, breeding gilts, market hogs and meat goat does.
- Horse Judging—Will include both a clinic and contest on Horse Judging, with halter and performance classes.
- All Species Poster & Photography Contest—Posters (14"x22") and Photos (5"x7" photo on 11"x14" poster) can pertain to rabbits, cavies, dogs, cats, horses, goats, poultry, beef, sheep, swine, dairy & more.

Save the date and watch for more information to come!

Dairy

4-H Dairy Judging

Any youth wanting to learn more about evaluating dairy cattle, while also developing valuable communication and decision-making skills, are invited to participate in any of the Green County 4-H Dairy judging practices. Youth who participate in these practices have the opportunity to go on and compete in a regional 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at Area Animal Science Day, June 20 in Green County. Practices will take place each Wednesday evening at 7:45pm. The first practice will take place Wed., April 17th, going through June 19th. A schedule with locations will emailed to all dairy project members. If you are unable to attend the first practice, you may still join any future practice.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Marean, one of our Dairy Judging coaches: 862-2699 or <u>marean@tds.net</u>.

James W. Crowley Dairy Scholarships

Attention Dairy Youth currently in **grades 10-13**: Green County can select up to 3 dairy youth who have been involved with the dairy project for a minimum of two years. Green County youth interested in applying for this scholarship must have their completed application turned into the Extension Office by April 1, 2024. All 3 county selections will then compete at the state level. The top 15 state-level finalists selected will be recognized with plaques at the WI State Fair and the top 3 will each receive \$1,000 cash awards. The top 4-H member (at a state level) that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2024 will be offered a \$5,000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, if that student is enrolled in the Department of Dairy Science.

Applications are available at the Extension office or online at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/7s033y</u>

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.

Sheep & Goats

2024 Market Lamb & Market Goat ID

All market lambs and market goats 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 or goat's head, RFID tag, and scrapie tag. Use the ID forms to mount the picture on and fill in the information pertinent to that lamb or goat.

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

Picture ID Forms can list family youth, including all siblings, within the immediate family, with a maximum of 5 market animals being entered for picture ID's. ID Forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at the Extension Green County drop box in our front lobby.

Youth will need their RFID and scrapie tag numbers to enter on their online fair entry form. Youth must also complete their YQCA Certification before doing fair entries. For more information on YQCA, see the flyer on page 13. Fair entry forms will need to be entered online by May 20. 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.

Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2024 to a lucky Wisconsin youth. Applications are available online at the US Targhee Sheep Association website <u>http://</u>www.ustargheesheep.org/ and are due no later than April 1, 2024.

Badger Sheep Short Course

The UW-Madison Arlington Research Station Sheep Unit and Division of Extension is going all out for a two-day in-person workshop. Topics include: Biosecurity, Genetic Selection, Reproduction, Record Keeping, and more! Email Todd Taylor at toddtaylor@wisc.edu or Carolyn Ihde at carolyn.ihde@wisc.edu to register for the BADGER SHEEP SHORT COURSE or visit <u>https://go.wisc.edu/4285gc</u> to print and mail the registration form.

Horse & Pony

Horse Project Coggins and Fees Deadline

Youth who intend to bring a horse to any 4-H clinics, 4-H ride events, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or 4-H Speed Show, or wish to be eligible for State 4-H Horse Shows or the 4-H High Point Contest, will need to submit to the Extension office by April 1:

- 4-H Horse Project Fees \$30 per youth or no more than \$50 per family, made payable to "Green County 4-H Adult Leaders". Fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more.
- Coggins for each horse, with the Premise ID for where the horse is stabled, written at the top of the Coggins form. Electronic Coggins forms must be in color and the photo clear. Carbon copies are allowed with correct markings and colors noted.

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

Horseless Horse Opportunities

Youth interested in learning about horses, but who do not have access to a horse, are welcome to participate in all 4-H Horse workshops and activities, as well as come observe 4-H Horse Clinics. No project fees are required for these youth. For more information about the horse/horseless horse project or events, visit the Extension Green County website: <u>https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4h-projects/horses/</u>

4-H Horse & Pony Project Tack Sale

Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Green County Justice Center (2841-6th Street, Monroe) Deadline to reserve a space is March 4! \$1.00 Admission. Visit the Extension Green County website for more information: <u>https://green.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/02/</u> <u>Green-County-2.jpg</u>

Veterinary Clinic

Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center W1175 WI-11, Brodhead Register by March 17 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/7g7hag</u>

English Pleasure Clinic

Sunday, April 7 from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Country View Equestrian Center N2192 Clarno Rd, Monroe Register by April 4 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/w9bhx8</u>

English Equitation Clinic

Sunday, April 7 from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM Country View Equestrian Center N2192 Clarno Rd, Monroe Register by April 4 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/w9bhx8</u>

Western Pleasure Clinic

Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Gary Gibson Training Center N6920 County Rd E, Albany Register by May 1 at: https://go.wisc.edu/r7ai01

Trail Clinic

Saturday, May 4 from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM Gary Gibson Training Center N6920 County Rd E, Albany Register by May 1 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/r7ai01</u>

Horsemanship Clinic

Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM W695 Hwy F, Brodhead Register by March 29 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/32b9eu</u>

Barrels and Poles Clinic

Saturday, June 1 from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM W695 Hwy F, Brodhead Register by March 29 at: <u>https://go.wisc.edu/32b9eu</u>

Poultry/Rabbits/Small Animals

Fur, Fin & Feather

This event is a live animal exhibition that is open to 4-H and FFA members in 3rd through 13th grade. Enrollment in rabbit, poultry, cat, or small pet project is not required. Youth in kindergarten through second grade can enter a special mounted picture class. Those who enter this class will have the opportunity to share with the judge information about the pet shown in the picture and how they care for it. Face- to- face judging with the youth's pet allows youth to share their pet project knowledge. For more details, visit the Vernon County Extension website:

https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/01/Fur-Fin-Feather-Show-Bill.pdf

2024 Green County Fair Updates 2024 Green County Fair

If you are planning to show at the 2024 Green County Fair, please make sure to annually review the Fair General Rules &

Instructions, as well as the Rules & Entry options for each department that you are interested in showing in. All this information can be found online at: <u>https://</u> <u>greencountyfair.net/</u> <u>pageserver/fairbook-jr-class</u>.



NEW this Year-

The window for submitting Online Fair Entries has moved earlier. Junior Fair Entries will be accepted from **April 20 through May 20, 2024.** No late entries will be accepted!!

2024 Updated Fair Book & Timelines

Green County Fair information, including the online Fairbook, can be found at the Green County Fair Website: <u>http://www.greencountyfair.net</u>. Online fair entries will be accepted from **April 20 through**

Online fair entries will be accepted from April 20 through May 20, 2024.

Department 1 – Dairy

Registered animals are <u>not</u> 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.

Managerial Rules: The policy for the 2024 Green County Fair, for **Ownership vs. Managerial** requirements for dairy project are as follows.

Ownership: Ownership of animals is defined when the animal is registered in the name of the junior exhibitor ONLY! Co-ownership is allowed between immediate junior family members (i.e. brother, sister; no parents or farm name) and breed associations. All registration certificates must be in the possession of the exhibitor.

<u>Managerial</u>: Classified as a registered animal carried continuously as a calf. Only calves and yearlings can be shown managerial, and each exhibitor is allowed to show up to <u>two managerial animals</u>. Managerial animals need to be in possession of the junior exhibitor by May 15th of the exhibit year. Registration papers with parents as co-owners and/or farm names are considered managerial projects.

Contact the Extension office for more information at 608-328-9440. For more information, visit the Green County Fair website and Fair Book pages: <u>https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/</u> fairbook-jr-class



Department 3 - Swine

Again this year, there will be no cost of identifying swine through the Extension Green County Office for youth showing at



the Green County Fair. The Green County Meat Animal Auction Committee continues to cover the cost of the ear tags. NEW this year, youth can show up to 3-pigs each. Tags and a picture ID process will be used again this year. Identification kits may be picked up starting March 25 and must be returned by April 12. Only ONE pig will be allowed to auction. Since we are a terminal show, the remaining nonauction pigs will go to a pre-designated terminal location and a resale check will be issued to the youth for those pigs.

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 approved.

Department 5—Goats

Collars will be mandatory for all dairy and meat goats outside of their pen. Collars will be mandatory for all dairy goats inside their pen. Collars will be optional for all meat goats inside their pen.

Market Goat Weights: There are no minimum or maximum weights at fair time to be able to exhibit market goats at the Green County

Fair. Only the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goats will be allowed to sell in the 2024 Auction. Market Goats must meet a minimum weight of 45 pounds to sell and will be paid up to a maximum weight of 100 pounds.

Department 8—Rabbit



There have been several Fair Book updates made since last year and since published in the fall, so please read carefully the updated version as of 1/9/2024. A few key points to note...

There is no longer a "crossbred" class. The Rabbit classes A-H are designed for purebred rabbits and are judged based on breed standards; there is no breed standard for crossbreds. Exhibitors can either exhibit crossbred rabbits in Dept. 10, as part of the single evening Pet Show on July 10th with no showmanship class, OR they can exhibit their rabbit in the Dept. 8 class that most closely aligns to the breed features that their rabbit exhibits (example: a lop cross would likely how in the lop class) Please note that a crossbred exhibited in a Dept. 8 breed class is likely not going to place well, but it will permit the exhibitor to participate in showmanship and the full County Fair week experience.

- The rule requiring "purebred papers" has been removed from the Department 8 rules.
- Please read carefully Rules #17 & #18 for description and examples of Class 6 and Class 4 rabbits. If you have any questions about where a specific breed of rabbit could be exhibited, please contact the Rabbit Superintendents (see top of Department Rules for contact info).
- NEW—Showmanship will begin 1 hour before the breed show this year, starting at 2:00 PM with the youngest age division.

Attention Rabbit Roaster Exhibitors: Please be aware that as a prospective Meat Auction Exhibitor, a consumer will potentially buy and feed their family with the animal that you are raising. It is critical that you be conscious of your responsibility to raise a rabbit that will be a high quality, safe and wholesome meat product. This includes selecting a rabbit that will be under 6 months of age at the time of Auction, is free from chemical residues, and was raised in a humane manner.

It is also a Green County Fair Rule that all animal project (including Rabbit Roasters) must be in the exhibitors possession by May 15. Noting that it is unethical and even illegal to sell rabbits under 2 months of age, it is important that you plan ahead, and make sure that you are buying rabbits that have been born by March 15, so that you can take possession before the May 15 deadline.

The Single Roaster lots at the fair are NOT meant to be pet rabbits or an opportunity to make a quick buck, but rather are designed to be an educational opportunity to develop life skills while learning about the meat rabbit industry.

Department 18—Cultural Arts

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 13th, rather than Sunday this year (see top of Department Rules for details).



Department 20—Photography

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 13th, rather than Sunday this year (see top of Department Rules for details).

Department 25—Food Nutrition Green County Fair—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.

Register for this event through Fair Entry: http://greencountyfairjunior.fairentry.com



Alternate Entries

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

Showmanship - All Animal Departments

Youth must enter showmanship on their fair entry form to participate in the showmanship classes.

Meat Animal Auction - Other Fair Auctions

Exhibitors who <u>sell animals in any other Fairs Meat Animal</u> <u>Auction</u> 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 <u>animals are not sold</u> without losing their eligibility to participate in the Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction.

Green County Fairest of the Fair

The Fairest of the Fair serves as the official ambassador of the Green County Fair and participates in promotional programs and



media events. He or she also represents the Green County Fair at festivals and other functions throughout the year. The Green County Fairest will also compete for the title of Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs at the State Fair Convention in January. To run for the Green County Fairest of the Fair, you must be 18 years old as of January 1, be a resident of Green County, and have a valid Wisconsin Driver's

License. Applications can be found on the Green County Fair website (<u>www.greencountyfair.net</u>) and are due by March 1. Please contact Leslie Brugger with any questions at 214-6183 or <u>lealober@gmail.com</u>.

Wisconsin State Fair

WSF Volunteer Adult Contact

Will you be leading, coordinating and supervising Junior Show exhibitors at Wisconsin State Fair this year? If so, you need to submit an application for either a Volunteer Adult Group Contact (VAGC - due March 20) or a Volunteer Adult Independent Contact (VAIC - May 22)! For details and application, go to the "Volunteer Adult Contact" section at: <u>https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/</u>

Other Opportunities

Tractor Safety Training

Blackhawk Technical College-Monroe Campus will be offering a youth tractor safety training program from April 1st- May 14th, 2024. The purpose of the course is to instruct youth between the ages of 12-16 on safe use of farm equipment and to provide youth with a 24-hour course to comply with Wisconsin Act 455 and to comply with the Federal Child Labor Standards. Part of this course will be delivered virtually via zoom technology with required daily online assignments. In addition, the class will also have face-to-face sessions for driver preparation, training, and testing. 100% attendance is required for WI Certification and students must pass both a written and driving exam to successfully complete this program.

Those interested can register in person at the BTC Monroe campus (210 4th Avenue, Monroe, WI) and complete the necessary registration paperwork and safety waiver. To register for the class, contact Tracey Wren at: Monroe Campus 608-329-8206 or twren@blackhawk.edu For more information about the class, contact the instructor Dustin Williams at: dwilliams61@blackhawk.edu or 608-329-8210

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 January 14, 2024, the Clarence Bridge Pioneers (CBP) hosted their 33rd annual Veggie Car Races. Members build a little car using a wooden block and four wooden wheels, paint it, and then decorate the veggie car by adding real vegetables and fruit. Before the race, CBP members vote on which car looks the best. Elijah Bochman was voted People's Choice with his "hot wheels" veggie car. Ezekiel Ritschard won 1st place, Grand Champion, as the fastest veggie car. Veggie races is a super fun tradition and one of CBP's favorite Club Activities. Submitted by Carmen Strohecker-Hughes



Jolly Mixers

The Jolly Mixers broke up the cold weather in January with some indoor fun. The Jolly Mixers went bowling at Albany Lanes for a fun afternoon with friends and lots of pizza. Everyone had a great time!



Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

For Calendar updates, please visit: <u>https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/</u> Times and dates are subject to change.

MARCH 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Camp Staff Team Applications		11:59 PM	Extension Office
1	DEADLINE Green County Fairest of the Fair App.			
2	4-H Foods Cloverbud Workshop	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
2	Instructor Led YQCA Training	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	Human Services Building
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
9	4-H Horse & Pony Project Tack Sale	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
12	4-H Performing Arts Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
12	DEADLINE Spring Project Day Registration		11:59 PM	https://bit.ly/24SpringPD
13	First Year Participant Orientation	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	SCWA (1724 10th Street, Monroe)
18	4-H Camp Youth Staff Interviews	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Extension Conference Room
20	4-H Horse Veterinary Clinic	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	W1175 WI-11, Brodhead
23	4-H Project Day	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Blackhawk Technical College
25	Market Swine Identification Opens	8:00 AM		Extension Office
27	Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
29	Good Friday—Extension Office Closed			Extension Office
APRIL 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
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4-H Project Day

For 4-H Members in Grades 3 and up

UW-MADISON EXTENSION GREEN COUNTY Saturday, March 23, 2024 Blackhawk Technical College (BTC), Monroe Campus (210 4th Ave, Monroe)

The purpose of this day is to actively engage 4-H members in 3rd grade and older in expanding their project knowledge through hands-on learning. We want to equip youth with project knowledge and skills they can go home and apply, making their best projects better.

Schedule

8:40 – 8:55am	Check-in	
9:00 – 9:50am	Session 1	
10:00 – 10:50am	Session 2	
11:00 – 11:50am	Session 3	



Registration & Deadline

Register by Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at: https://bit.ly/24SpringPD

Please note that space for some sessions is limited.

All sessions are 50 minutes long. Some sessions will be offered only one time, some will be offered twice. If you want to come for just 1 or 2 sessions, and not all 3, please indicate on your registration form.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Foods: Kid's Cooking Class	Art: Hand Building with Clay	Art: Hand Building with Clay
Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock	Pebble Art	Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock
Robotics: Making Motion with Air Valves and Cylinders	Robotics: Making Motion with Air Valves and Cylinders	Exploring Your Environment: Creating a Food Web
Model Airplanes	Aerospace: Blasting Off with Model Rockets	Aerospace: Blasting Off with Model Rockets
Agriculture Sprayer Simulator	Drone Use in Agriculture	Precision Farm Equipment

Session Descriptions:

Foods: Kid's Cooking Class (Session 1)

The kids will learn to make an easy dish. They will learn tips and tricks that make cooking fun and easy. They will get to eat their creation at the end of class and take the recipe home to make again for their family. *Limit of 12 participants. Presented by: Laura Eyler*

Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock (Session 1 or 3)

Experience using a birthing simulator to learn how to birth a calf, and learn proper injection techniques for large animals, including sheep and goats.

Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Lisa Holcomb, DVM

Robotics: Making Motion with Air Valves and Cylinders (Session 1 or 2)

Learn how compressed air, valves, and cylinders work together to create mechanical motion. Participants will build and operate several different pneumatic circuits using industrial components like those in robotic devices. *Limit of 4 participants. Presented by: Steve Gellings*

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Model Airplanes (Session 1)

Come learn how to assemble a model airplane. No experience needed, but any level welcome! *Limit of 6 participants. Presented by: Chris Smith*

Agriculture Sprayer Simulator (Session 1)

What are the tools of an agronomist? Do you like operating farm equipment, come run a sprayer simulator and learn how to identify weeds. Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Dustin Williams, BTC Instructor

Art: Hand Building with Clay (Session 2 or 3)

Learn how to prepare real clay for sculpting, create slabs and other shapes and how to attach to build more elaborate forms. We will also discuss concepts about why clay behaves as it does and how to work with it. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Sam Frei*

Pebble Art (Session 2)

Learn how to create compositions with pebbles and drawing. Combine your love for finding rocks and creating art. Limit of 15 participants. Presented by: Serena & Ayden McCoy

Robotics: Making Motion with Air Valves and Cylinders (Session 1 or 2)

Learn how compressed air, valves, and cylinders work together to create mechanical motion. Participants will build and operate several different pneumatic circuits using industrial components like those in robotic devices. *Limit of 4 participants. Presented by: Steve Gellings*

Aerospace: Blasting Off with Model Rockets (Session 2 or 3)

Come build a beginner level rocket. We will talk about the parts of the rocket, what glues to use when making them. This is a basic level course for those who have never built a rocket or flown one. *Limit of 5 participants per session. Presented by: Chris Smith*

Drone Use in Agriculture (Session 2)

What are the tools of an agronomist? Learn about flying a drone and how it can be used to scout and spray crops. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Dustin Williams, BTC Instructor*

Art: Hand Building with Clay (Session 2 or 3)

Learn how to prepare real clay for sculpting, create slabs and other shapes and how to attach to build more elaborate forms. We will also discuss concepts about why clay behaves as it does and how to work with it. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Sam Frei*

Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock (Session 1 or 3)

Learn proper injection techniques and simple obstetrical manipulation for large animals, including sheep and goats. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Lisa Holcomb, DVM*

Exploring Your Environment: Creating a Food Web (Session 3)

Explore the meanings of environment and ecosystem. Examine the links between the different members of an ecosystem. In this hands-on project, discover what happens when components are removed from the ecosystem. *Limit of 12 participants. Presented by: Janet Kruse*

Aerospace: Blasting Off with Model Rockets (Session 2 or 3)

Come build a beginner level rocket. We will talk about the parts of the rocket, what glues to use when making them. This is a basic level course for those who have never built a rocket or flown one. *Limit of 5 participants per session. Presented by: Chris Smith*

Precision Farm Equipment (Session 3)

What are the tools of an agronomist? Learn about GPS guided precision farm equipment and autosteer tractors. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Dustin Williams, BTC Instructor*

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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 <u>Jackie.mccarville@wisc.edu</u>

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