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Your 4-H Family Newsletter



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Next Alphorn Deadline:
October 15



Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth
Development Educator

Dear 4-H Families,

We are so excited to kick off a new 4-H year full of opportunity to build new and lasting friendships, while exploring new sparks and pursuing our passions. Who can you invite to come to a 4-H meeting or event to learn more? Who else do you know that could also benefit from 4-H? A cousin? A neighbor? A friend from school? We know the best way to recruit is to simply ask someone! Help us spread the word that 4-H is focused on providing youth-centered educational opportunities!

Exploring 4-H Day

Sunday, October 13, Noon-2:30pm, Green County Fairgrounds

This is a FREE open house event, where families can:

- Explore a variety of hands-on projects 4-H offers.
- Discover how to make a difference in your community.
- Talk with current 4-H members and learn how to register for 4-H.

We would like your help in promoting this event! Here is how you can help:

- Tell a friend about this event.
- Go to our Green County 4-H Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/greencounty4huwex/>) and share the "Exploring 4-H Day" event when posted.

National 4-H Week

October 6-12, 2024

Celebrate 4-H while helping other youth find their spark in 4-H, by participating in several 4-H promotional opportunities during 4-H week (see page 7 for details).

- 4-H Club Promotion Display Contest (register by Oct. 4th at Noon)
- 4-H T-Shirt Day - Wed. Oct. 9

4-H New Family Orientation & Pizza Party

Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:30pm, Justice Center Multipurpose Rooms

For our new 4-H families...get your 4-H experience off to a great start by joining us for this FREE event! Join us for a fun meal, followed by activities for the youth and an orientation for the parents. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the variety of opportunities available for your child in 4-H. To register for this event, please go to: <https://forms.gle/EjJqhbWcc8XcGdry9>

Thank you, Ellen Andrews
Extension Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator

Enrollment Instructions for the 2024 - 2025 4-H Year

2024-2025 4-H Enrollment will open September 1, 2024 online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Members may join at any time, but the primary enrollment period is September 1st – November 1st. Please follow the step-by-step instructions in your [4-H Enrollment Guide](#) to complete your enrollment.

- **Re-enrolling youth** must enroll by November 1st to meet “Member-in-Good-Standing” requirements. See the 4-H Enrollment Guide pages 2, 7-10.
- **New 4-H members** must enroll by January 15th to meet “Member-in-Good-Standing” requirements and be eligible to exhibit at the 2025 Green County Fair. See the 4-H Enrollment Guide pages 3-10.

Membership Dues: In 2024-25, county dues for members, including Cloverbuds, are \$15.00 per member. There will not be membership dues for first year families. This covers accident insurance, promotion and some supply costs. Even though members are enrolled online, payment for 4-H enrollment is still paid to the 4-H Club via check or cash.

Adult Leader: We deeply appreciate all of the adults who are willing to volunteer their time to support 4-H member experiences. We are also always looking for new volunteers!

Interested in becoming a New 4-H Volunteer? Begin by enrolling in 4HOnline, selecting the blue “Add Member” button (see pages 11-15 of the 4-H Enrollment Guide for details). Every adult volunteer is screened (criminal background check) upon initial enrollment and every two years thereafter. There are also several required online trainings.

Green County 4-H Program Policy can be found on the second to last page of your [Enrollment Guide](#). Please review this document before enrolling or re-enrolling in 4-H.

PROJECT LITERATURE for 4-H MEMBERS & LEADERS

4-H Project Literature is designed to be a resource for both members and leaders, and is available for many, but not all project areas. Most of the project literature includes hands-on activities to help youth learn project-related skills and knowledge, along with general life skills.

Options for Getting Project Literature:

Project Literature Library - Most 4-H Club have a project literature library kit. Clubs are responsible for having their own process to check out 4-H literature.

Purchasing Literature - Families may purchase project literature directly through the 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System (4-H CCS) catalog and/or the National 4-H Supply Service (www.shop4-h.org).

FREE Literature: While Supplies Last – The Green County Extension Office will be giving away excess inventory of Project Literature, while supplies last, during normal Extension Office hours (8am-4:30pm, one-day advanced notice required).

Thank you & Farewell, Ruby!

Hello everyone! My AmeriCorps service, from June-August, focused on creating two new 4-H clubs at the Green County YMCA with the hope of bringing new youth into the 4-H program. I would like to thank all my fellow Extension coworkers for providing advice, help, and support at every turn and for this wonderful opportunity to make a positive difference in my community. I would also like to thank the staff of the Green County YMCA for allowing me to organize these 4-H meetings and for all of their help during the meetings.



I’ve enjoyed watching the YMCA youth in the Adventurous Juniors and Optimistic Troopers take risks, explore new topics, and express their creativity. They all had an item on display at the Green County Fair and youth had the opportunity to deepen their connection with 4-H by attending 4-H Base Camp at Upham Woods and Cloverbud Camp at the end of August.

This summer has been one giant learning experience for me. I didn’t have much experience working with youth before this summer, and I can certainly say that my teaching, leadership, and communication skills have improved because of these youth and my coworkers. I strongly encourage anyone to serve in AmeriCorps - it is a wonderful opportunity for those of all ages to serve their community and make professional connections.

Thank You!

- To everyone who worked with the junior portion of the Green County Fair!
- To everyone that worked the Jr. Leaders Dairy Bar the week of fair and to those that spent hours setting up and tearing down. Without you, our food stand would not have been as successful as it was. A HUGE thank you to Deb Myers and her efforts. We are grateful to each and every one of you.
- To the 4-H families that enjoyed a meal at the Junior Leader food stand, we really appreciated your patronage.
- To the Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Committee for their work to make the auction a success.
- To the Meat Animal Auction Committee for another successful auction. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- To our youth and adult staff who helped to put on 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods, including Mat Anderson, Elleanna Andrews, Althea Eckdhal, Connor Eckdhal, Ann Goers, Emily Goers, Isabella Houston, Leah Houston, Padraic Houston, Laura Huff, Helaina Keehn, Janet Kruse, Joshua Montgomery, Michelangelo O’Brien, Chris Smith, Mirielle Smith, and Eric Zilliox. It was awesome to spend four days with campers, playing games, exploring nature and having fun!
- To the 4-H Promotions Committee for organizing and hosting free kids activities on Saturday for the County Fair, promoting 4-H to over 200 kids.

Congratulations!

- To all 4-H youth who work hard throughout the year!
- To all Green County Fair and Wisconsin State Fair exhibitors on a job well done!
- To all graduating 4-H members: Abigail Andrews, Skye Dickson, Devi Duerst, Alana Durtschi, Grace Gold, Isaiah Hatter, Brian Hay, Payton Hinton, Cecelia Hutchinson, Levi Lynaugh, Chad Mansfield, Anna Polnow, Andrew Sertle, Brilley Swedlund, and Morgan Waski!
- To our 4-H Key Award Winners: Abigail Andrews, Alana Durtschi, and Morgan Waski!
- To Gempeler's Supermarket for being the Friend of 4-H!
- To 4-H Volunteer of the Year – Dawn & Chris Smith!
- To Jeff & Christine Stauffacher for being recognized for the 4-H Lifetime Volunteer Award!
- To Siera McCullough for receiving 9th place at the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest!

New Family Corner

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

4-H Projects

4-H engages youth in **project-based** education. Through project learning, youth can dive deeper into their **interests** and **passions**, ultimately **mastering** new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be **hands-on** to create a memorable learning experience.

What is a project?

A project is simply a topic area that sparks a youth's interest! Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project. Almost all 4-H projects can be divided into these eight broad project areas:

- Animal Sciences
- Arts & Communication
- Family, Home, & Health
- Natural Resources (& Outdoor Education)
- Plant & Soil Sciences
- Mechanical Sciences
- Service Learning & Citizenship
- Youth Leadership

A ninth project area is specifically for grades K-2, known as Cloverbuds. It is intended to be more developmentally appropriate for our youngest members.



What learning opportunities are available?

Each 4-H project differs in how learning opportunities are offered. Some projects offer countywide workshops. Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. 4-H clubs may have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from shop4-h.org or your local Extension office.

What is a project leader?

Project leaders provide a safe environment to learn about a project area in which they have experience. Adults can volunteer as a project leader to share their specialized skill set with youth! We are always seeking more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ellen Andrews (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu).

To learn more about 4-H Projects and learning opportunities available, please check out our "Explore 4-H for New Families" newsletter at: <https://bit.ly/NFNProjects>.



4-H Member Opportunities

Cheese Days & 4-H

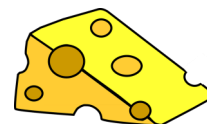
Green County Cheese Days is back—Sept. 20-22, 2024! With this event comes so many great opportunities to showcase our 4-H pride and give back to our community. Please consider getting involved in one of these opportunities...

- **Children's Parade—Friday, Sept. 20 @ 5:00pm**
Wear your 4-H Club T-shirts with pride, or another 4-H shirt. Line-up for this 12 block parade at 4:30pm by the Monroe Middle School. Youth and adults are needed to help walk! Please sign up by Sept. 16th at: <https://bit.ly/24CheeseDays>.
- **Cheese Days Parade 4-H Float—Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 12:00pm** We are excited to have a Green County 4-H Float in the parade this year. We are looking for 4-H members, parents and adult volunteers interested in walking with the float in this 24 block parade, and handing out candy. If you are interested donating candy OR walking in the parade, please sign-up by Sept.16th at: <https://bit.ly/24CheeseDays>
- **Family Farm Adventure Tent—Fri.-Sun., Sept. 20-22**
Green County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers to work the Family Farm Adventure Tent. Volunteers under 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Stations include:
 - Milk a cow • Trivia Wheel • Coloring/tattoo area • Gravity Bin Basketball • Farm Game Station • Elevated Corn Box. Shift times will be:
 - ◇ Friday from 2-5 pm or 5-8 pm
 - ◇ Saturday, 10-1:30 pm, 1:30-5 pm or 5 to 8 pm
 - ◇ Sunday, 10-1:30 pm, 1:30-5:00 pm or 5-8 pm

To sign up to work a shift, please sign-up at:

<https://bit.ly/3TeuqzS>

Thank you for taking time out of your schedules to help!



4-H Arts Camp

When: October 4-6, 2024

Where: Upham Woods, near Wisconsin Dells

Who: Youth 6th-8th and adult chaperones

At Arts Camp, you will be immersed in a world of arts activities. You will have the chance to try your hand at various Expressive Arts, including Drawing, Painting, Theater, Dance, Culinary, and Music. This is your opportunity to explore new artistic territories. But that's not all! Arts Camp is also about having a blast with activities like a talent show, Gnome hunt, color group competitions, and much more. Register in 4HOnline by September 19th! For more information on arts camp, see: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/arts-camp/>



Book Reading with Author!

Join us for a fun Zoom meeting with Tammy Stuhr, a best-selling children's book author and a 30+ year 4-H volunteer. Tammy will read her book Jax Finds His Talent, where Jax discovers his unique talents and learns to share them to make the world a better place. After the story, Tammy will lead a fun activity you can do from home or with friends at one of our host sites. This activity is intended for elementary age youth but open to all ages! Join us on September 19th from 6:00-7:00 PM for this great opportunity! Register using the following link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>



4-H Educational Travel Experiences & Scholarship Opportunities



WI 4-H offers youth in grades 6-12 many great educational travel experiences, plus Green County 4-H Adult Leaders offers scholarships to attend! Check out the "Fall 2024" list of opportunities below, AND how you can apply for a merit based 4-H Travel Scholarship!

National 4-H Dairy Conference – Madison, WI

When: September 29—October 2, 2024

The conference is for students ages 15-18 years old who are eager to learn more about the dairy industry. Students will have the chance to go on different farm tours, industry-focused tours, listen to speakers, and attend World Dairy Expo. Members experience four days of learning and creating connections with others within the dairy industry.

Registration Information: Registrations for teen conference delegates and chaperones are due by Sept. 11, 2024. The registration fee for 2024 is \$650/person. There may be an opportunity to still attend if there isn't a chaperone coming from your area. To register or for more information, please visit: <https://national4hdairyconference.org/>

Advanced Space Academy – Huntsville, Alabama

When: February 15-22, 2025

Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission. Activities include: high/low ropes course, simulators, SCUBA diving instruction, fighter jet simulators, advanced rocketry, and more! 4-H members must be in 10th-12th grade at the time of the trip. The total cost is approximately \$2,700.

Registration is open on 4HOnline and due September 30th!

For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/advanced-space-camp/>



Space Camp – Huntsville, Alabama

When: May 1-5, 2025

Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin: <https://bit.ly/Space-camp> 4-H members must be in 6th-8th grade at the time of the trip. The total cost of Space Camp is approximately \$1,300.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) - Washington, D.C.

When: 2025 Dates TBD

This leadership program, held at the National 4-H Center, teaches the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events. 4-H members must be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection and a minimum age of 15 during the trip. The total cost for the trip is approx. \$2,500.

For more information, see: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus/>

National 4-H Conference – Arlington, Virginia

When: April 11—16, 2025

Only eight to ten (8-10) youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this annual working conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H

programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring. 4-H members must be in 10th-12th grade at time of the program and a maximum age of 18 as of Jan. 1,

year of travel. The total cost for the trip is approx. \$2,000. The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation sponsors a portion of this trip. For more information, see: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>



American Spirit East – U.S. East Coast

When: 2025 Dates TBD

Approximately 40 youth learn about America’s heritage and build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom by visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and more.

4-H members must be in 8th-10th grade at time of the trip.

The total cost for the trip is approximately \$1,900. More information to come regarding dates, registration, etc.

For more information, see:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/american-spirit-east/>

4-H Travel Scholarships—Applicants must complete a cover letter, resume, essay and interview, and potentially a recommendation letter. We have a Fall and Spring round of applications and interviews, depending on the scholarship(s) or award you are applying for. For Fall 2024...

- **Applications are due Friday, November 1st**
- **Interviews are Wednesday, November 13th**

Application packets are available on the Extension Green County website under the Older Youth Opportunities tab:

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

4-H Meals on Wheels Service Project

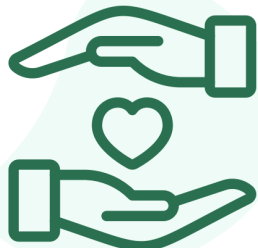
Green County 4-H will again be conducting the Meals on Wheels service project to help our homebound friends and neighbors during the winter and holiday months. 4-H leader, Pat Sleiter and her husband, have generously agreed to again coordinate this project.

Goals of this service project, as it is with all 4-H service projects, are to help youth learn about the needs of others in their community and to have the opportunity to actively participate in serving their community. In reflection of these goals, youth can get involved in this project by...

- **Food donations** (Preferred donation option) - Sign up to make a donation of Low sugar and low sodium foods in single-serving packages, by going to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C49AFAD2BA5F58-51145167-4hmeals>
- **Monetary donations** - Checks should be made payable to Green County 4-H Adult Leaders.

All donations (food & monetary) should be delivered to the Extension Office by Tuesday, October 22nd at 4:30pm.

Box Assembly—Youth can help assemble the boxes on **Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00-6:30pm** at the new Government Services building, N3140 Hwy 81, Monroe (lower level). No need to register; just show up and help!



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

Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Creation Contest

Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to collaborate to imagine a delicious new ice cream flavor, and come up with an interesting flavor name. Each club may submit up to five entries. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs and members. Entries are accepted **September 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024**. For more information about the contest, visit the Cedar Crest Ice Cream website:

<https://cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest/>



4-H Thriving Survey - COMING SOON!

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey via email about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Green County 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to receive gift cards, scholarships to 4-H events, or other prizes.

For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model, visit [4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H](#). Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.

Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

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

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, November 4, 2024, 7:30 - 9:00 PM, In-person or via Zoom (register at <https://go.wisc.edu/e99tya>)

A reminder that the Executive Board will meet prior to the Adult Leaders meetings in Rooms 2-3 of the Justice Center beginning at 6:15 PM.

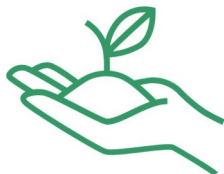
4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

The Green County 4-H Junior Leaders will be having an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at the Monroe Methodist Church (2227 4th St). All youth in 6th grade and up are invited to attend! Please come and check out what the Junior Leaders offers to youth. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be November 20th from 7:00—8:00 PM at the Monroe Methodist Church, Monroe.

Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance UW-Madison Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county, and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional, and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation



Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan multiple statewide programs and provides leadership in those settings.

Applications are due **no later than 4:00 pm on Sept. 15, 2024**. For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://go.wisc.edu/6bpt3o>

4-H Fall Forum

When: November 2-3, 2024

Where: Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI

Who: Youth 7th-13th grade and adult volunteers

Come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. Registration in 4HOnline will open September 3 – September 30; must be re-enrolled first.

More info at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

The Green County 4-H Adult Leaders value this leadership development opportunity and want to support youth and adults to attending this conference.

- **Youth**—(7th-13th grade) can attend, with 50% of registration & lodging costs covered by the Green County 4-H Adult Leaders budget.
- **Adult**—Unlimited adults can attend, with 100% registration & shared lodging costs covered by the 4-H Adult Leaders' Huber Endowment fund.

FALL FORUM 2024



SAVE THE DATE

November 2-3



4-H County Committees Need YOU!

Green County 4-H has several committees that help provide important countywide 4-H opportunities. We are looking for older youth, parent, grandparents and adult leaders to volunteer for 1 year to help with one of these committees.

- **4-H Cloverbud Committee**—help plan and lead 3-5 events per year for members in 5K-2nd grade.
- **4-H Recognition Committee**—help plan and improve 4-H Record Book processes and recognition opportunities of members and leaders.
- **4-H Promotion Committee**—help plan, lead and recruit families to help promote 4-H at community events.

Many hands make lite work! Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved **by October 1st** by contacting Ellen at ellen.andrews@wisc.edu or 608-328-9440.

4-H Club Leadership Team Training

Tuesday, October 29 from 6:45-8:15pm

Multipurpose rooms, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
This training is for all 4-H Club Organizational Leaders and all 4-H Club Officers (or prospective club officers). We will be working together as teams of youth and adults to make the best 4-H club experiences even better. A simple supper will be provided. Pre-register by Oct. 24 by calling the Extension Office or online at: <https://forms.gle/5rE5htk6TEEa9az79>

Record Book Reminders

Record Book Review Days

This year all of our 4-H County Record Books will be read and evaluated in just three nights: Sept. 16, 24 and 30. Every 4-H club is asked to provide three adult volunteers for one or more nights to evaluate books. Adults do NOT have to have past Record Book experience. Each record book will be evaluated by at least two people, so many volunteers will be needed. Adult leaders: please mark your calendar and sign up to help using the following link: <https://bit.ly/24RBReview>

- Monday, Sept. 16 – 6:00-8:30 PM
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 – 6:00-8:30 PM
- Monday, Sept. 30 – 6:00-8:30 PM

Cloverbud Record Books will be reviewed on Monday, Sept. 16 beginning at 6:30 PM in Room 1. **We are looking for youth in 7th grade and older** to help with Cloverbud Record Book reviews again this year. Please sign up to help using the following link: <https://bit.ly/24CloverbudRBReview>

4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, November 9, 2024

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

All Cloverbuds and first year members who submit record books, as well as county record book award winners, will be recognized! Please plan to attend to show support for our 4-H'ers and the hard work they've put in this past year!

National 4-H Week: Oct. 6-12, 2024

4-H Week Theme: Beyond Ready

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

4-H Week messaging:

- Beyond Ready
- More youth. More Community. More Ready.
- Ready then. Ready now. Ready for anything.
- Building a Ready Generation in a World of Change.



Beyond Ready

4-H T-Shirt Day: Oct. 9

Let's show Green County our 4-H Pride by all wearing a 4-H T-shirt OR a green shirt to school or work on Wednesday, October 9! If you share your picture on Facebook, be sure to use the hashtag: #greencounty4hweek2024



4-H Week Promotion Display Contest

4-H clubs are again invited to decorate business windows or put up displays in schools and libraries to promote Green County 4-H during National 4-H Week. Window displays need to be in place by Saturday, October 5 through Sunday, October 13 to be considered for prizes. The 4-H Promotional display will be judged on creativity, neatness, educational value, visibility and overall promotional effectiveness. Prizes by the 4-H Adult Leaders are 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$20, 3rd place - \$15 and 4th place - \$10. Brochures are available at the Extension office. Please reach out to the Extension Office for other materials you may need to make your display. To register your club's display for the contest, please submit the following information to swileman@wisc.edu by Friday, October 4 at Noon:

- 4-H Club and contact person
- Phone number
- Number of youth participating
- Number of adults participating
- Site of Display (Name & Address)
- Directions to site
- Can it be seen from the street? (Yes or no)
- Does the judge need to go inside the business? (Yes or no; if yes, please give business hours)

National 4-H Week Service Project

Community Service is an important part of 4-H clubs and groups. In the 4-H pledge, we pledge our "hands to larger service" and we know that 4-H clubs are carrying out these service projects throughout the year. Our hope is that



your club will be able to join this effort and consider a project in the fall to be part of our statewide service project! With our theme of "Make and Deliver", we want to encourage your club to make a unique impact on your community with a broad spectrum of community service acts, such as cards, blankets. Meal kits, dog toys & treats, etc. For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2024/07/23/national-4-h-week-statewide-service-project/>

Organizational Leader Reminders

- Dues are paid to the 4-H club and the club will write ONE CHECK payable to "Green County Extension" for members of returning families in the club. There will not be membership dues for first year families or adult volunteers. Club dues are to be turned in to the Extension office by **December 1st**.
- This year all of our 4-H County Record Books will be read and evaluated in just three nights: Sept. 16, 24, and 30. Every 4-H club is asked to provide three adult volunteers to evaluate books. See page 6.
- Green County Livestock Auction Financial Records are due by 4:30 PM on October 1st to the Extension Office. This form must be completed from youth who auctioned in 2024 and are planning to auction in 2025. **It is the responsibility of each individual family to turn in their own paperwork to the Extension office by the deadline. Auction Records are NOT to be accepted by 4-H Leaders or FFA Advisors!**
- 4-H Club Charters are due by **November 1**. Directions and a link to the online application form are online at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>.
- Please encourage youth in grades 6 and above to check out the Green County 4-H Junior Leaders Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at the Monroe Methodist Church (2227 4th St).
- 4-H Club Leadership Team Training will be held on Tuesday, October 29th from 6:45-8:15pm at the Green County Justice Center multipurpose rooms. All club organizational leaders and club officers, are highly encouraged to attend this training!

Cloverbud Corner

4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun Night

Friday, October 18th, 6:00-7:30 pm.
Multipurpose rooms, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Kick off the 4-H Year with some 4-H fall fun specifically designed for our youngest 4-H members (5K-2nd grade). Check-in will be 6:00-6:10pm, with pick-up at 7:30pm. Adult and older youth helpers are needed to assist with this program. If you or a member of your family would be interested in assisting, please indicate so on the registration form. Register by Tuesday, October 15th at:
<https://forms.gle/EWF6GjANnn82FBs5>



Natural Sciences

Shooting Sports Leaders Needed

Are you interested in becoming a shooting sports leader? To become a 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer, you must become a 4-H enrolled leader and complete both the National 4-H Shooting Sports online training and an 8 hour certification workshop. Register by September 11th to attend the leader certification training workshop in Marshfield, WI.

- Saturday, September 14th from 8:00am—5:00pm

Volunteers planning to be shooting sports 4-H Leaders and current 4-H leaders may attend this workshop. For more information, and registration details, see:
<https://bit.ly/shootingsportsworkshop>

Please contact Ellen Andrews at the Extension office if you are interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports leader! The 4-H Adult Leaders will reimburse the cost of the training.



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn By Doing

Land Judging Contest

The annual Green County contest will be Wednesday, September 25. There is no fee to participate. Registration will begin at 8:30 at the USDA Service Center, 1627 4th Ave. West, Monroe, WI. We will proceed to the pits at 9:00am. Awards to be handed out at the site.

The state land judging contest will be held in Green County on Wednesday, October 9th. Check in will start at 8:00am and youth will leave for the site at 9:15am. Registration is due to Blackhawk Technical College by October 2nd. Cost is \$10/student, \$40/team.

Mechanical Sciences

Green County Model Railroad Show & Swap

Are you thinking about building a farm display or diorama for a future 4-H project? Perhaps you are looking for a chance to see a variety of model displays and talk to experienced modelers to learn about their modeling techniques. The Green County Model Railroaders will hold their 46th annual model train show and swap meet on **September 28th & 29th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the Stateline Ice and Community Expo, 1632 4th Avenue West, Monroe. This is a great opportunity to get new ideas or pick up supplies for your next modeling project.

Animal Science

Livestock Auction Financial Records

Auction Financial Records are due by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, October 1st to the Extension office.

- This form must be completed from youth who auctioned in 2024 and are planning to auction in 2025.
- Remember, the Auction Financial Record WILL NOT count as a 4-H Record Book for 2024.
- ***It is the responsibility of each individual family to turn in their own paperwork to the Extension office by the deadline. If you choose to give your paperwork to a Leader or another person to turn in, it is still your responsibility to make sure it is turned in by the deadline.***

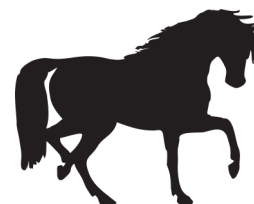
GREEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION



Horse & Pony

Horse High Point Form Deadline

If you've participated in the Horse High Point this past year, please turn in your completed forms to the Extension office **NO LATER** than 4:30 PM on October 1st.



4-H Horse Committee Meetings

The 4-H Horse & Pony Committee needs adults and youth willing to help plan and lead 4-H clinics and other educational horse experiences. The next committee meeting is...

- **Tuesday, October 15, 2024—5:30-7:00pm**, in Room 1 of the Justice Center (2841-6th Street, Monroe)
- All horse project members, parents and adult leaders are welcome to attend!

Rabbits

4-H Rabbits R Us Fall Fun Show

October 13th, starting at 9:00am
Richland County Fairgrounds, Richland Center, WI
The Richland County 4-H Rabbits R Us group is sponsoring a Fall rabbit show and showmanship contest on Sunday, October 13th at the fairgrounds in Richland Center. Entries are due October 1. Late registrations on the day of the show will be accepted. All entries are final and there will be **NO** refund of entry fees. Animals are to be brought in their own cages. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning up after their own animals.



For additional information, check out the show bill at :
<https://go.wisc.edu/jx395e>
Entry form: <https://go.wisc.edu/xf25pf> or contact Chris Harpin at 608-513-7412 or harpi007@umn.edu.

Club Happenings

New Glarus:

The New Glarus 4-H Club held our last meeting of the 4-H year on August 11, 2024. We discussed our fair projects, and various other 4-H experiences from the past two months. Additionally, we worked on our Record Books. Adayla Babler did line dancing as an icebreaking activity.

Throughout this year, our club cleaned our Adopt-A-Highway segment, ran a petting zoo at Breakfast on the Farm, and made Valentines Day cards for the New Glarus Home residents. Also, throughout this year, we have reached our target of having 75% of our membership involved in a talk or demonstration. Demonstrations included members' various interests and favorite projects, as well as games/icebreakers. Finally, many of our members got involved in a wide number of other 4-H activities throughout the year.

Submitted by: Michelangelo O'Brien



Clarence Bridge Pioneers:

On July 19th, the Clarence Bridge Pioneers held their annual Club Tour. We ate pizza, walked around, saw members' animals, and looked at everyone's projects. It's always interesting to see what other people showed and/or created.

Submitted by: Carmen Strohecker



Green County Fair

2025 Green County Fair: July 16-20, 2025

2024 Green County Fair Results Posted

Junior Exhibitor Results: <https://go.wisc.edu/512057>

Open Exhibitor Results: <https://go.wisc.edu/1xdnnh>

Shooting Sports—Master Shooter Awards

Senior Award: Simon Moore, Decatur

Reserve Senior Award: Leilah King, Next Generation

Junior Award: Chase Wenzel, Decatur

Reserve Junior Award: Brady Indergand, Washington Center

Novice Award: Grant McCullough, Next Generation

Reserve Novice Award: Max Wenzel, Decatur



Simon Moore



Chase Wenzel



Grant McCullough



Leilah King



Brady Indergand



Max Wenzel

Premier Exhibitor Results

Platinum:

Grand: Abbygail Foster, Juda FFA

Reserve: Hailey Beeman, Decatur

Dairy:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Clara Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd Place: Joclyn Watson, Cheese Country Clovers
- 3rd Place: Ellie Zimmerman, Dayton Dairylanders

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Brooke Mueller, Clarence Bridge Pioneers
- 2nd Place: Abigail Withrow, Decatur
- 3rd Place: Allyson Judd, New Glarus FFA

Beef:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Landon Wuebben, Young Americans
- 2nd Place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers
- 3rd Place: Zoie Donovan, Young Americans

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Colt Nyman, Young Americans
- 2nd Place: Skylar Kundert, Young Americans
- 3rd Place: Sadie Wilkins, Monticello FFA

Swine:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Evan Feller, Monticello FFA
- 2nd Place: Owen Larson, Decatur
- 3rd Place: Chase Wenzel, Decatur

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Olivia Brooks, Juda FFA
- 2nd Place: Karlee Wilkins, Monticello FFA
- 3rd Place: Emily Boss, Cheese Country Clovers

Sheep:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Ava Anderson, Young Americans
- 2nd Place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center
- 3rd Place: Jenna Pinnow, Brodhead FFA

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Mallory Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers
- 2nd Place: Kennedi Lerch, Juda FFA
- 3rd Place: Olivia Christen, Washington Center

Goats:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Rebecca Froseth, Clarno
- 2nd Place: Chase Monson, Jolly Mixers
- 3rd Place: Kaleb Piz, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Kamdyn Kolb, Pecatonica FFA

Poultry:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Benson Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers
- 2nd Place: Dalia Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers
- 3rd Place: Adelayne Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers

Senior Division:

- 1st Place: Reagan Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers

Rabbits:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd Place: Elena Boss, Cheese Country Clovers
- 3rd Place: Peter Goers, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA
- 2nd Place: Micki Andrews, Washington Center
- 3rd Place: Anna Polnow, Cheese Country Clovers

Herdsmanship Results

Dairy Small Herd:

- 1st – Clarence Bridge Pioneers
- 2nd – Brodhead FFA

Dairy Large Herd:

- 1st – Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd – Decatur

Beef:

- 1st – Clarence Bridge Pioneers
- 2nd – Young Americans

Swine Small Herd:

- 1st – Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd – Young Americans

Swine Large Herd:

- 1st – Clarno
- 2nd – Spring Grove Honest Workers

Sheep:

- 1st – Spring Grove Honest Workers
- 2nd – Young Americans

Goats:

- 1st – Young Americans
- 2nd – Clarno

Rabbits:

- 1st – Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd – Young Americans

Master Showman Results

2024 Master Showman: Gabe Klahn, Oregon FFA

2024 Reserve Master Showman: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA

2024 Master Showman Participants:

Dairy: Ellie Eichelkraut, New Glarus FFA
Emma Hendrickson, New Glarus FFA

Beef: Reese Eichelkraut, New Glarus FFA
Autumn Wolfe, Next Generation

Swine: Gabe Klahn, Oregon FFA
Wyatt Steiner, Monroe FFA

Sheep: Daniel Dunphy, Albany FFA
Mallory Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers

Goats: Briliev Swedlund, Juda FFA
Kamdyn Kolb, Pecatonica FFA

Poultry: Reagan Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers

Rabbits: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA

Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

For Calendar updates, please visit: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/>

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

SEP 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	4-H Enrollment Opens			http://v2.4honline.com
12	4-H Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
16	DEADLINE Cheese Days Parade & Candy Sign-up			
16	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
16	Cloverbud Record Book Reviews	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
20-22	Cheese Days!			
24	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
30	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
OCT 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Horse High Point Form		4:30 PM	Extension Office
1	DEADLINE Auction Financial Record		4:30 PM	Extension Office
4	DEADLINE to submit 4-H Week window displays		Noon	Extension Office
7	4-H Executive Board	6:15 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
9	National 4-H T-shirt Day!			
6-12	National 4-H Week			
13	Explore 4-H Day	12:00 PM	2:30 PM	Green County Fairgrounds
15	Horse Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
15	DEADLINE Cloverbud Fall Fun Night Registration		11:59 PM	
18	4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun Day	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
22	DEADLINE Meals on Wheels Donations		4:30 PM	Extension Office
23	4-H Junior Leaders Open House	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
24	DEADLINE Club Leadership Team Training Reg.		11:59 PM	
29	Meal on Wheels Packing	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Green County Human Services
29	4-H Club Leadership Team Training	6:45 PM	8:15 PM	Room 1-3, Justice Center
NOV 2024	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Full 4-H Club/Group Charters			Online link, see article
1	DEADLINE 4-H Enrollment closes for returning members		11:59 PM	https://wi.4honline.com
1	DEADLINE Travel Scholarship Applications		4:30PM	Extension Office
4	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM		Room 1, Justice Center
4	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
9	4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
13	Fall Travel Scholarship Interviews	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Ext Office Conference Rooms
18	DEADLINE New Family Orientation Registration		11:59 PM	
20	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
21	4-H New Family Orientation & Pizza Party	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1-2-3, Justice Center

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

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