



# The Alphorn

Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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



**Ellen Andrews**  
4-H Youth  
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**What do YOU want to learn in 4-H this year?**

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

**4-H Members in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Older**  
*Did you know that you can still add 4-H projects to your 4HOnline profile by contacting the Extension Office? We encourage you to sign up for any projects that you think you might be interested in learning about. This way, if a new learning opportunity comes up, we know that you might be interested and can send you that information.*

*What new ideas/skills/experiences do I want to learn, try and/or discover in this project this year? Once you have finalized your 4-H projects for the year, we strongly encourage members to write down at least one new idea, skill, or experience they want to learn or try this year, in each project. Remember, our 4-H member goals should be about learning and growing, and within our own control. You will need this goal(s) for your 4-H Record Book, whether you are doing the 4-H County Record Book or the 4-H Minimal Record Book. 4-H Record Books are required of all 4-H members in 3rd grade and older who wish to be eligible to exhibit through 4-H next year. Information on 4-H Record Books is available on the [Green County 4-H Forms & Resources website](#).*

**4-H Project Leaders (Youth & Adults)**  
We also encourage 4-H Project Leaders to set 4-H goals! Setting goals can help you prioritize your opportunities for creating meaningful learning experiences with our youth. Interested in planning an activity, but not sure where to start? Looking for ideas of what can be done? Contact me! I am happy to help you think this through!

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

Ellen Andrews  
4-H Youth Development Educator

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4-H Attendance Requirement</b></p> <p>Remember, to exhibit as a 4-H member at the 2025 County Fair, youth must attend at least four 4-H meetings, events, or workshops between 9/1/2024 and 4/21/2025, with at least two being 4-H Club meetings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Job Opportunities</b></p> <p>Green County Extension has several great job opportunities for high schoolers, college students and professionals. Help us spread the word and grow our team! See pages 11-12 for more details.</p>
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## New Family Corner

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

### 4-H Club Meetings

Almost every 4-H club holds regular club meetings. Even within the same club, no two club meetings are the same. Ideally, every meeting should have three parts—**recreation** (fun), **business**, and learning. Youth leadership plays a huge role in the success of a club. Most clubs have youth officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and other selected roles) who are responsible for running each meeting. Youth leaders not only gain excellent life skills, they help to keep the meeting relevant and fun for members of all ages. All youth have a responsibility to contribute to their clubs through their voice and their actions!

### What is my role as an adult?

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

### Make 4-H Meetings a Positive Experience

1. Actively listen to all 4-H members.
  2. Let youth run the meeting. It's their club!
  3. Attend as many meetings as possible.
  4. Ask your club leader how you can help.
  5. If you have a hobby or skill, consider offering to be a guest speaker!
- To learn more about 4-H Club Meetings and activities that can help your member(s) to "Get to Know Your Club" and "How is the meeting run?", please check out our 2-page "Exploring 4-H for New Families" newsletter on Club Meetings at: <https://bit.ly/NFNClubMeetings>.

## Thank You!

- To the 4-H leaders who helped at 4-H Club Leadership Team Training: Dawn Smith, Mirielle Smith, Micki Andrews, Steve Gellings, Lynn Lokken, Rae Wellnitz, and Tammy Schulte.
- To the 4-H Youth Leader MC'ed or assisted with the 4-H Award Program: Lillian Sievers, Mirielle Smith, Benson Miller, Tayla Shrader, Olivia Christen, Elena Boss, Brandon Straws and Peter Goers.
- To our 4-H Adult Leaders who coordinated the 4-H Meals on Wheels Boxes service project - Pat (and Dale) Sleiter and our partners at ADRC of Southwest WI - Green County, including the Aging Programs Coordinator, Morgan Kennison!
- To the 4-H Clubs and families who donated & helped pack boxes at our 4-H Meals on Wheels Service program!

- To the adult and youth volunteers that helped with New Family Orientation: Deb Myers, Dawn Smith, Mirielle Smith, Tonya Gratz, Teresa Gratz, Elena Boss, Katy Dickson, Mara Dickson and Milo Dickson.
- To the Colony Brands Foundation for a very generation donation through their Colony Brands Associate Donation program.
- To Heidi's Happy Acres for their generous donation through their 2024 Pickin' For a Cause program.

## Congratulations!

- To Chloe Pulver, Michelangelo O'Brien, and Skye Dickson for receiving a \$25 gift card for completing the Thrive Survey!
- To Dawn Smith on being elected co-president of the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council and to Mirielle Smith on being elected as a southern region representative. 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.

## 4-H Member Opportunities

### 4-H Project Day—Save the Date!

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

#### Saturday, April 5— 9:00-11:50am (Grades 3rd-13th)

- Blackhawk Technical College (Monroe)
- Registration information will come out in the March/April 4-H Newsletter.

### Call for Presenters!!!!

We need 4-H volunteers, older youth, parents, and community members willing to lead 50-minute hands-on workshops at our 4-H Project Day. Who do you know that would make a great presenter? Session proposals can be submitted at: <https://forms.gle/iWRkWHATcdaat97D6>. Session proposals are due February 1st! Please contact Ellen ([ellen.andrews@wisc.edu](mailto:ellen.andrews@wisc.edu) or 608-328-9440) if you have any questions about this event.

### 4-H Communications Contest—February 21st!

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 6:00pm  
Green County Justice Center, Monroe

This countywide educational contest will offer 4-H youth (Cloverbuds – 13<sup>th</sup> grade) opportunities to participate in Speaking and Demonstration events! Recite a poem, read a story, teach us how to make a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, and so much more!!! See the flyer on page 10 for more info. Register **by February 17th** at: <https://bit.ly/CommContest25>



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

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

Our **4-H Base Camp** for youth in **3rd-6th grade** will be **August 6-9, 2025**. No previous camp experience is necessary! For more information go to the 4-H Forms website, under "4-H Camp": <https://go.wisc.edu/s1ops6>

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

## Green County 4-H Scholarships & Awards

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

- **4-H Travel Scholarships** – Funds to cover 25% of a 4-H Travel Experience (6th-12th Gr), including for...
  - \* *4-H Summer Academy*—June 16-19, 2025
  - \* *National 4-H Congress*—Nov 28-Dec 2, 2025
- **4-H Key Award** – Top award a WI 4-H Youth can receive (11th-13th Gr)
- **4-H College Scholarships** – Funds for post-high school education (4-H members in 12th-13th Gr)
  - \* *4-H Adult Leaders* – Three \$500 scholarships
  - \* *Cindi Miller Memorial* —Three \$1,000 scholarships

There are three parts to this process...

- **Application**—Youth submit a cover letter, resume and essay **by Wednesday, March 5, 2025**.
- **Interview**—Youth applicants will participate in an interview **on Wednesday, March 19, 2025**.
- **Feedback**—Youth receive written feedback to help improve future applications and interviews.

For more information go to the 4-H Forms website, under "Older Youth Opportunities": <https://go.wisc.edu/7ot14b>

## 4-H Educational Travel Experiences

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

### 4-H Summer Academy – UW-Madison

June 16-19, 2025

Discover pathways to your future! Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Youth must be in 8th-11th grade at the time of registration. The cost will be approximately \$450 (includes lodging and meals), and registration will be open March 1 on 4HOnline.

## National 4-H Congress – Atlanta, Georgia

November 28-December 2, 2025

National 4-H Congress is a five-day premiere nation-wide 4-H event in Atlanta, GA, where 4-Hers network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Youth must be in 9th-12th grade at the time of registration, and maximum age of 18 as of 1/1/2025. The cost will be approximately \$1,500, and registrations will be tentatively be open June 1-30, 2025.

## Additional Scholarship Opportunities

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

### WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships in 2025. Applications must be postmarked to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 1, 2025. To be eligible, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2025-2026 academic school year.

Please visit: [wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/](https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/).

### WSF Dairy Promotion Scholarships

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships to individuals that will be third or fourth year college students during the 2025-26 academic year and are pursuing a dairy-related or food science degree.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. All applications must be submitted electronically as a PDF by January 15, 2025. Application and more information can be found at: <https://wsfdairypromo.org/scholarships>.

## Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

### 4-H Adult Leader Association Meetings

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

Upcoming 4-H Adult Leaders Assoc. meeting dates:

- January—Date TBD—Executive Board Mtg
- Monday, February 3rd @ 6:15 PM—Executive Board Mtg
- Monday, February 3rd @ 7:30 PM—Adult Leaders Mtg via Zoom or Phone—register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/4vmlv9>
- Monday, March 3rd @ 6:15 PM—Executive Board Mtg

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

### 4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 7:00-8:30pm  
Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St.

## 4-H Project Curriculum Available

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

FREE Curriculum – While supplies last we have extra curriculum to give away in many different project areas.

Curriculum Library – The Extension Green County Office has a curriculum library, which can be checked out during normal business hours.

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

## 4-H Committees Need Adult & Youth Leaders!

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

- Awards & Recognition
- Marketing & Promotions
- Cloverbud

## Cloverbud Corner

### Cloverbud Cookie Decorating Workshop

Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe  
Event is open to all Cloverbuds (gr. K-2). Youth will learn basic techniques by decorating cookies, and will be able to take home their creations. Members will also read a book. Parent/Guardian is asked to stay for this workshop. Register by Monday, February 17 using the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/g1arvQFKLDyIVxEo8>

### Cloverbud Fun Night

Friday, March 7, 2025 from 6:00-7:30 PM  
Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe  
Event is open to all Cloverbuds (gr. K-2).  
Register by Tuesday, March 4 using the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/xtk3r9wepQL7Jg4SA>

### Dinosaurs & Unicorns Distance Learning Kit

This at-home lesson series encourages youth grades K-2 to use their imagination while introducing science and building life skills. Dinosaurs and Unicorns will be divided into four lessons with 1-2 short Zoom meetings to explore the topics of sound, color, paleontology, and creativity. All participants will pick up program supply kits from their county offices before the start of the program.

This program will begin on February 17.  
Registration closes Monday, January 13.

For more information, or to register, go to:  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>.

## Family, Home & Health

### 4-H Foods & Nutrition Workshops

The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Committee is working hard on planning a variety of learning opportunities for this winter and spring. For more information about these events, please visit: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/foods/>

### The Science of the Chocolate Chip Cookie

What's your ultimate favorite chocolate chip cookie? Do you prefer your cookie to be soft or are you a crispy cookie person? Do you prefer thick or thin cookies? There are so many variables or science to making the perfect chocolate chip cookie. This distance learning program will allow youth to explore, experiment, and create their perfect recipe! This program, for youth in 3-12 grades, will begin February 6. There will be two Zoom meetings during the program, along with independent work in your own kitchen. Registration closes Monday, January 13. To register, go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>.

### Foods Workshop - Feb. 8th

Learn and practice cooking and meal preparation skills with some of our 4-H Foods Project Leaders. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H Foods Project or the 4-H Explore Project to participate in these workshops.

#### Grades 3-4—Sat. Feb. 8th from 10:00-11:00am

Location: Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe  
Register by Thur. January 30th at:  
<https://forms.gle/3GFcon6rwLwVZGFz5>

#### Grades 5-13—Sat. Feb. 8th from 1:30-3:00pm

Location: United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St. Monroe  
Register by Thur. January 30th at:  
<https://forms.gle/EdnTvgGRjWKH67E79>

### Cake Decorating Workshop—March 15th

Location: Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe  
You must be enrolled in the 4-H Foods Project or the 4-H Explore Project to participate in these workshops.

**Grades 3-4—Time: 10:00-11:00am**—Basic frosting and decorating techniques with candy (max of 15 kids; if more interested, will offer a 11:00am-Noon session)

#### Grades 5-13—Time: 1:00-3:00pm

- Intermediate—work on frosting and piping techniques
- Advanced—work on roses, fondant, and borders  
(bringing your own frosting, piping bags, tips, cake stand and carrier is encouraged).

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. Cake decorating supplies, including cake, frosting and tools, will be supplied by the 4-H Foods Committee. Register by **Monday, March 3rd** at:  
<https://forms.gle/iuV3pqUXxYzCfjsSA>

## Green County Fair Foods Department Pre-Fair Events

Again this year, registration for County Fair Judging Events will occur through Fair Entry. To read the Foods Department rules and entry options, and to register: please go to: <https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/>.

### Foods Revue

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe  
Youth prepare and present foods projects for judging. Foods Revue is a Pre-Fair, premium earning event. *Registration will be open February 10-25, 2025.*

### Cake Revue

Saturday, April 5, 2025 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 17-28, 2025.*

## Arts & Communication

### 4-H Concert Band

We are searching for 4-H youth who would like to play in the 4-H Concert Band! We will have 1-hour weekly rehearsals starting in early spring. Rehearsals will be a fun space for youth to learn more about music! We will be performing at the 4-H Talent Show (June). We are looking for youth who play any band instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, french horn, trumpet, trombone, or xylophone/percussion. Previous school-related band experience is required. If interested, please email Megan Leitner at: [leitme@gmail.com](mailto:leitme@gmail.com).

### Photography Contest!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest closes January 31, 2025! To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Photography Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2024-2025 4-H Program Year. For more information, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website: <https://go.wisc.edu/clc971>

## Mechanical Sciences

### Paper Circuits Distance Learning Kit

Are you ready to accept the challenge of creating a low-voltage electronic circuit? We will use conductive tape, a battery, LEDs, and paper to learn about electrical circuits! Get ready to learn and have fun through this hands-on introduction to electric circuits. This distance learning program will allow participants, grades 4-9, an opportunity to explore, problem-solve, think critically, and be creative. All participants will pick up program supply kits from their county offices before the start of the program. This program will begin on March 1 with guided lessons and tutorials. Registration will be open January 2 - 24. To register, go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>.

## Natural Sciences

### 2025 Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots

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

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

The upcoming competitive shoots will be:

- March 21-22, 2025 in Marshfield, WI (Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery)
- March 28-29, 2025 in West Bend, WI (Indoor Archery, Indoor Air Rifle)

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

### 2025 Shooting Sports Deadlines

The 2025 Shooting Sports Deadlines are quickly approaching! You should have received a Newsletter, Kick Off Letter, Permission Form, and required waivers if you are signed up for a shooting sport discipline on 4HOnline. Members MUST submit required forms and fees at the Open House or the Extension Office. **None will be taken at the ranges.**

Preferred Deadline: **January 3, 2025**

Final Deadline with \$5 late fee per youth: **January 10, 2025**  
(Late fee will only be waived for 1st year families.)

To view the 2025 Shooting Sports Newsletter, and to access required forms, visit the Extension Green County website at: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/>

## Animal Science

### Livestock Premise ID

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

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

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

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

## YQCA—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals 2025 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 2025, 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, Kim Kester, will be leading an in-person training on April 5th at Blackhawk Technical College in Monroe. More information regarding this training will be included in the March-April Alhorn. For more information, see the flyer on page 9 of this Alhorn or visit the Extension website: <https://go.wisc.edu/b66175>



### Wisconsin 4-H Meats Judging Contest

Mark your calendars for the WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest - taking place on **February 8, 2025** at Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery Building, UW Madison Campus. Registration deadline is **January 20, 2025**.

More information about the contest and how to register can be found at: <https://go.wisc.edu/69d5xp>

### WI Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-thon

A tentative date of March 15, 2025 has been announced for the Wisconsin Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skill-a-thon which will be held on the UW-Madison campus as part of the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. It would be great to see a Green County team participate in this event! If you or someone you know might be interested in creating a team and some possible practices, please contact Ellen at the Extension Green County Office.

## Swine

### Wisconsin Pork Association—Youth Pig Project

The Wisconsin Pork Association is continuing the Youth Pig Project giving \$100 scholarships to 4-H and FFA youth across the state! The Youth Pig Project scholarships are meant to help cover some of the cost of youth swine projects for the 2024-2025 year. The Wisconsin Pork Association is looking to give away 50 scholarships in three age divisions this year. For more information, visit the WPA website: <https://wppa.org/youth/youth-pig-project/>

## 2025 Swine ID Procedure

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 starting on March 24 and must be returned by April 11 to exhibit their pigs at the 2025 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.

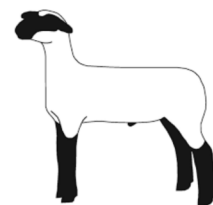
### Reminder: Exhibiting Swine in other states

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

## Sheep & Goats

### 2025 Market Lamb Identification

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



Picture ID Forms and RFID tags will be available April 7 through April 18 and must be returned to the Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on April 18, 2025 to exhibit market lambs at the 2025 Green County Fair. Lamb Picture ID Forms can list family youth, including all siblings, within the immediate family, with a maximum of 5 market lambs being entered for picture ID's. Lamb ID Forms can be dropped off at the Extension Green County Office or in our drop box in the front entryway.

## 4-H Goat Workshop

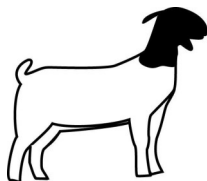
Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ 7:00pm  
Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe  
Guest Presenters: Nicole Davis & Mike Egan  
As the Green County Fair Goat Superintendents, Nicole and Mike will be talking about at this workshop:

- Updated rules and changes for the 2025 County Fair
- Picking out your goat(s) for county fair
- How to get your goats off to a good start

If this workshop needs to be cancelled due to weather, updates will be emailed to 4-H Goat Project members and posted on [Green County 4-H UW-Extension Facebook](#) page.

## 2025 Market Goat ID Procedures

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



**NOTE: All market wethers in lot 30 MUST be identified with an RFID tag from the Extension Office to earn eligibility to sell in the 2025 Meat Animal Auction.**

**NEW** this year, all youth will be eligible to sell one market wether shown in Lot 30, provided all other auction rules have been met. RFID tags will be available **April 7** through **April 18** and **forms** must be returned to the Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on **April 18, 2025** to exhibit market goats at the 2025 Green County Fair.

## Horse & Pony

### Horse Project Kick-off Event

Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 3:00 - 5:30 PM  
Rooms 2 & 3, Green County Justice Center  
Any youth interested in participating in the 4-H Horse or Horseless Horse projects this year should plan to attend this open house. We'll share upcoming clinic opportunities, announce 2024 High Point winners and enjoy horse related crafts and games.

**Please note:** Youth who intend to bring a horse to any 4-H clinics, 4-H Ride Nights, 4-H Pre-Fair Show, or 4-H Games Day, or wish to be eligible for State 4-H Horse Shows or the 4-H High Point Contest, will need to submit:

- ⇒ 4-H Horse Project Fees - \$30 per youth or \$50 per family. Project fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more. These fees can also be paid at the Open House on February 8.
- ⇒ Coggins for each horse, with the Premise ID for where the horse is stabled, written at the top of the Coggins form. Coggins must be in color with clear photos.

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

## Horse Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Green County Justice Center, Monroe  
Any horse project member or leader interested in helping plan educational opportunities for this year are welcome!

## Poultry & Rabbits

### Poultry Workshop

Early January—Date TBD  
The Poultry Committee will be hosting a poultry workshop with a guest speaker to learn more about general poultry topics, picking out birds, different breeds, and general care of poultry. All project members and leaders are welcome!

### Wisconsin Swap Meets

Youth looking to get new birds or rabbits to raise and exhibit this summer might want to check out some of the following small animal swap meets in Wisconsin:

- January 19—Jefferson, WI
- February 22—Jefferson, WI
- March 8—Fond du Lac, WI
- April 19—Elkhorn, WI

Find more details at: <https://go.wisc.edu/8971yh>

## 2025 Meat Animal Auction

### Meat Animal Auction - Deadlines

All exhibitors who plan to **sell animals** in the 2025 Meat Animal Auction at the Green County Fair **MUST** follow all Auction rules and deadlines. If you have any questions about the required forms and deadlines, please contact the Extension Green County Office at [swileman@wisc.edu](mailto:swileman@wisc.edu) or (608)-328-9440.

#### 2025 Meat Animal Auction Deadlines:

- April 11—Swine ID Forms—Extension Green County
- April 18—Sheep ID Forms—Extension Green County
- April 18—Goat ID Forms—Extension Green County
- May 22—Auction Entry Forms—Extension Green County
- May 22—Photo Release Form—Extension Green County
- May 22—Fair Entry Deadline—Green County Fair Office
- May 22—YQCA Completion Deadline (Certification number must be entered into your fair entries)
- June 27—Auction photos deadline—Extension Green County
- June 27—Two buyer cards due—Extension Green County
- June 27—Swine—Tyson Form—Extension Green County
- October 1—Auction Financial Records

**Reminder** that all forms should NOT be mailed, but turned in at the Extension Green County Office or dropped off in our drop box in the entryway.

#### 2025 Animal ID Process Dates:

- Swine — March 24—April 11
- Sheep — April 7—April 18
- Goats — April 7—April 18



## Meat Animal Auction - Other Fair Auctions

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

## Extension News

The Extension Green County Office offers a fun, fast paced office work environment. We would like your help spreading the word about several great opportunities we have to join our team. Please reach out to Ellen or Sam if you have any questions or want to know more!

## Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Position

Seeking a professional with at least 2 years of relevant work experience. This position will focus on financial education, along with promoting healthy child and family development. This position serves both Green and Lafayette Counties. For more information and to apply, visit the [Jobs at UW site](#) and search EXTENSION. Applications are due: January 6, 2025.

## Student Assistant Position

Seeking a High School or College student for a part-time position June thru early August. This position will assist with clerical tasks, filing, word processing, and creating documents as needed. Learns to operate computers, duplicator machine, scanner, postal machines, and other related office machines. Assist with customer service and support Extension programs. Prospective applicants should contact Samantha Wileman ([swileman@wisc.edu](mailto:swileman@wisc.edu)) at the Extension Green County Office for more information.

## 4-H & Extension Summer Intern Position

Seeking a College student for a 28-30 hours per week position, late May thru mid August. This is an on-site position at Extension Green County office located in Monroe, WI. Under the general direction of the 4-H Youth Development Educator and Extension Business Manager, this position is designed to support and expand 4-H youth development opportunities, including Premier Exhibitor, Herdmanship, Cloverbud events, and other youth outreach events during the summer months. The Summer Intern will increase their knowledge of youth development programs, volunteer development, community partnerships, office operations and University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for youth development, educational, agricultural, and community based careers. For information about the position and how to apply, see the Intern Position Description: <https://go.wisc.edu/10z982>. Deadline to apply is **January 24**.

## 4-H Summer AmeriCorps Position

Seeking a college student or other adult for a 450 hour service position, May 19-August 23. The position comes with a \$5,000 living stipend and almost \$2,000 educational award. Wisconsin 4-H AmeriCorps programs aim to increase capacity of youth serving organizations in counties throughout Wisconsin. The AmeriCorps member will work directly with community organizations to create new 4-H club environments that foster belonging and engage youth ages 5-12 in weekly project-based learning that sparks a variety of interests. This position provides valuable pre-professional experience for youth development, educational, and community-based careers. This is an on-site position at Extension Green County office located in Monroe, WI. For more information about the position and how to apply, see the 4-H Summer AmeriCorps Position Description: <https://go.wisc.edu/8uc685>. Deadline to apply is **January 24**.

## 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](mailto:swileman@wisc.edu).

### York

York 4-H Club held a Halloween Carnival on October 13th as a part of National 4-H week promotion at the Community Center. The club collected donations for the food pantry as a part of the carnival. This was the first year the club conducted the carnival.

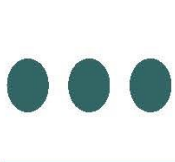


### Clarno

The Clarno Clovers began their year with a successful food stand at Heidi's Happy Acres in the month of October. In November we met for our first official meeting at Turner Hall. We elected new officers and ended the meeting with some bowling! We were so excited to see many new faces in our club this year!







# 2025



**In 2025, 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 2025**—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 2025 Green County Fair.

## 2025 YQCA Training Options

All 2025 YQCA Training options **MUST** be registered and paid for online at:  
<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**Two types of training are being offered in 2025:**

**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, 2024.**

**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 2025.

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

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## Green County 4-H Communications Contest

Friday, February 21, 2025  
Green County Justice Center (2841 6<sup>th</sup> St, Monroe)  
Check-in Begins at 5:45 PM



DIVISIONS WILL PROMPTLY START AT 6:00 PM

**Registration deadline for this event is Monday, February 17.**

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

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

• SPEAKING DIVISION

• DEMONSTRATION DIVISION

### SPEAKING DIVISION:

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

**Grade Levels:** *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 1-3 minutes*

*Beginner (Grades 3-5): 2-4 minutes*

*Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 3-5 minutes*

*Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 4-7 minutes*

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

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

### DEMONSTRATION DIVISION:

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

**Grade Levels:** *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 2-4 minutes*

*Beginner (Grades 3-5): 3-6 minutes*

*Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 5-10 minutes*

*Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 5-10 minutes*

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

**Registration deadline is Monday, February 17, 2025.**

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

- Online using the following link: <https://bit.ly/CommContest25>
- Contact the Extension Office (608-328-9440 or [swileman@wisc.edu](mailto:swileman@wisc.edu)) and provide the following: Child's name, 4-H Club, Grade Division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 or 9-13) and Contest Selection(s) (Prose/Poetry, Traditional Speech or Demonstration).



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# 2025 SUMMER INTERN NOW HIRING!

Now accepting applications through January 24, 2025

## Description

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



Apply Now

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

Position description can be found at:  
<https://go.wisc.edu/0417tj>

## More Information:



## For more information, contact:

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## Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

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

JAN. 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	<i>New Year's Day—Extension office Closed</i>			
2	4-H Shooting Sports Open House	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
3	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports Registration		11:59 PM	Extension Office
6	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
7	4-H Performing Arts Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	
9	4-H Horse Committee Meeting	6:00 PM		Green County Justice Center
10	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports (\$5 late fee)		11:59 PM	Extension Office
13	Mandatory Air Rifle & BB Gun Orientation	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
15	Mandatory Air Rifle & BB Gun Orientation	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
15	DEADLINE 4-H Enrollment for new members		11:59 PM	<a href="https://v2.4honline.com">https://v2.4honline.com</a>
20	DEADLINE WI 4-H Meats Judging Registration			<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/69d5xp">https://go.wisc.edu/69d5xp</a>
23	4-H Goat Workshop	7:00 PM		Green County Justice Center
30	DEADLINE Foods Workshop (Grades 3-4)			<a href="https://forms.gle/3GFcon6rwLwVZGFz5">https://forms.gle/3GFcon6rwLwVZGFz5</a>
30	DEADLINE Foods Workshop (Grades 5-13)			<a href="https://forms.gle/EdnTvgGRjWKH67E79">https://forms.gle/EdnTvgGRjWKH67E79</a>
FEB. 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE for 4-H Project Day Proposals			<a href="https://forms.gle/iWRKWHATcdaat97D6">https://forms.gle/iWRKWHATcdaat97D6</a>
3	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
3	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Zoom Only
8	4-H Horse Kick-Off & Movie Night	3:00 PM	5:30 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
8	4-H Foods Workshop (Grades 3-4)	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Green County Justice Center
8	4-H Foods Workshop (Grades 5-13)	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	United Methodist Church
8	WI 4-H Meats Judging Contest			UW-Madison Campus
17	DEADLINE for 4-H Communication Contest		11:59 PM	<a href="https://bit.ly/CommContest25">https://bit.ly/CommContest25</a>
17	DEADLINE for Cloverbud Cookie Workshop Registration			<a href="https://forms.gle/g1arvQFKLDyiVxEo8">https://forms.gle/g1arvQFKLDyiVxEo8</a>
21	4-H Communications Contest	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
22	4-H Cloverbud Cookie Decorating Workshop	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
25	DEADLINE County Fair Foods Revue Registration (Opens Feb. 10)		11:59 PM	
26	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
MARCH 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	County Fair Foods Review	1:00 PM		Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
1	DEADLINE—4-H Camp Staff Applications			<a href="https://go.wisc.edu/s1ops6">https://go.wisc.edu/s1ops6</a>
3	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
3	DEADLINE Cake Decorating Workshop Registration			<a href="https://forms.gle/iuV3pgUXxYzCfjsSA">https://forms.gle/iuV3pgUXxYzCfjsSA</a>
4	DEADLINE Cloverbud Fun Night Registration			<a href="https://forms.gle/xtk3r9wepQL7Jg4SA">https://forms.gle/xtk3r9wepQL7Jg4SA</a>
5	DEADLINE for Spring Travel Scholarship Applications		11:59 PM	Extension Office

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

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