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Next Alphorn Deadline:
April 15th



Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth
Development Educator

Dear 4-H Families,

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

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

- a. Enroll by the 4-H enrollment deadline (Re-enrolling: Nov. 1; New Family's: Jan. 15).
- b. Attend at least four (4) 4-H meetings, events or workshops, between September 1, 2024 and April 21, 2025, with at least two (2) being 4-H club meetings.
 - *If you attend a county 4-H event counted toward this attendance requirement, it is the responsibility of the member to notify the 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
 - *Members enrolled in post-high school educational opportunities outside the area are waived from this requirement. However, when home should try to attend.
- c. Pay membership dues (unless waived) and have no outstanding 4-H bills.
- d. Complete a 4-H Record Book (either County, Club, or Minimal level record book).

Sincerely, Ellen Andrews

Online Fair Entry

will be April 22 – May 22, 2025. Instructions will be posted on the Green County Fair website in April.



https://greencountyfair.net/

4-H Exploration Day!

Saturday, April 5 @ 9:00 AM

Blackhawk Technical College, Monroe

Learn about models, precision farming,
clay art, bees, YQCA, and more!

Register by March 24. Watch your
email for how to register.

New Family Corner

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

Learn By Doing

Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, the idea of "learning by doing" has defined the program. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they're doing it. This model is known as Experiential Learning.

Failure is OK!

One of the biggest challenges (and benefits) of experiential learning is not always being successful immediately. It might be hard to sit back and watch your youth struggle, but it's a valuable lesson. 4-H is supposed to be a place where you can fail in a safe environment. Learning is a process—change from failure is ok!

Support your youth and encourage them! The first arrow in an archery lesson might miss the target, but you'll be amazed how your youth progresses after ten, fifty, one hundred more attempts.

Car Ride Questions

It's pretty common for 4-H members to share what they learned with their peers and the adults leading a project. The learning doesn't end when youth leave the activity and head home! Take time with your 4-H member to reflect on their experience. Ask some questions to see what they learned and to help them think critically about the activity they just did. Reflection is an important part of learning by doing, and you as a caregiver can help support the process. Here are some questions you could ask:

- What was the easiest part of the activity? What surprised you?
- What were some problems that came up over and over?
 How did you handle them?
- What was the most challenging part of the activity?
 Why? How did you solve it?
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to do this activity?
- How can you use what you learned?
 Source: Reflection Questions for Experiential Learning Activities, UW-Madison Division of Extension (2015) by Brianna Stapleton Welch

Try it Out

We encourage you as a family to try the origami activity at: https://go.wisc.edu/rx3n55. Then try out some of these reflection questions.

Thank You!

- To the 4-H Shooting Sports Committee for planning a great shooting sports season, hosting their kick off open house in January!
- To County Fair Poultry Superintendent, Audrey Ischi, for working with 4-H volunteer, Tonya Gratz, to put on a 4-H Poultry Workshop.

- To 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Jason Schultz, Pat McCullough, Dave Rolli, Simon Larson, Jim Crubaugh, Justin Monson, Kory Keehn, Richard Haffner, and Josh Montgomery for planning and putting on two weekends of Air Pistol, Air Rifle, and BB Gun Clinics and Fair Shoots.
- To Ron & Lisa Allen for allowing our Shooting Sports Project Members to use their facility.
- To 4-H Foods Leaders, Deb Myers, Heidi Rufer, DarLyne Schneider, and Pat Sleiter, for putting on two Foods workshops and a Cloverbud Workshop.
- To County Fair Goat Superintendents, Nicole Davis & Mike Egan, for working with 4-H volunteer, Michelle Monson, to put on a 4-H Goat Workshop.

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Exploration Day

Saturday, April 5, 2025 9:00-11:50am

Blackhawk Technical College, Monroe

4-H Exploration Day will actively engage youth, 3rd grade and older, in hands-on learning and exploring a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Art interests. This FREE event is made possible thanks to a partnership with Blackhawk Technical College and the support of the Green County 4-H Adult Leaders, through a donation from Colony Brands. See the flyer on pages 11-12 for more info and session descriptions. Register for this event by Monday, March 24th at the following link: https://go.wisc.edu/tm293b.

4-H Summer Camp Opportunities for All

We are working on planning a fun 4-H Summer Camp experiences for youth of all ages. While plans are still being finalized, here is a preview of the fun we instore, so you can save the dates...



Cloverbud Camp: 5K-2nd Grades* - We are planning a day camp for our youngest members, where youth can get a taste for camp, including everything from nature to campfire songs, to much more. Date: To Be Determined.

Base Camp: 3rd-6th Grade* - Join us for a 4-day, 3-night camp at Upham Woods, **August 6-9. 2025**. We'll sleep in cabins, eat family style meals in the dining hall, and have lots of fun enjoying archery, swimming, art, nature, campfires, and more.

Adventure Camp: 7th-8th Grade* - Join us for a 4-day, 3-night camp at Upham Woods, August 6-9. 2025. But we'll turn up the adventure with a night of tent camping, cooking some of the meals over the campfire, and more time hiking, canoeing, and exploring nature.

Outpost Camp: 9th-12th Grade—Get outside and enjoy this 4-day, 3 night trip to Wyalusing State Park, **June 26-29, 2025.** Meals over the campfire, sleeping in tent, hiking in a beautiful park overlooking the Wisconsin & Mississippi Rivers.

Adult Chaperones—We are eagerly looking for adult interested in being part of our staff team for any of these youth camp. Come enjoy the outdoor, while supporting youth as they build new skills and expand their horizons. Interested in being an Adult Volunteer at any one of these camps? Reach out to Ellen (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu) to find out how you can get involved.

Summer Academy

Join together with youth, grades 8-11, from across Wisconsin to explore pathways to your future, with a 4-day conference on the **UW-Madison Campus—June 16-19, 2025**. Experience life in a residence hall, learn about higher education options, speak with professionals about future careers, and engage in personal exploration. Youth will have the opportunity to choose from various career tracks as well as have fun opportunities to build networks and friendships. Tracks from previous years included:

- STEM
- Human Services
- Arts & Communication
- Trades
- Culinary and Health
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Sciences

Registration via 4HOnline will open in March. Estimated cost is \$600 (includes lodging and meals). For more info, go to: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/.

Youth can still apply for a 25% travel scholarship for this experience by submitting an **scholarship application by Wednesday, March 5th**. details on how to apply, go to the 4-H Forms website, look under "Older Youth Opportunities": https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/.

Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

Becoming a 4-H Adult Volunteer

Volunteers are critical to the success of the 4-H program! Are you interested in working with youth to plan project learning opportunities, create community service activities, or chaperone an overnight 4-H experience?

To ensure volunteers are prepared for their positions, Extension requires several things of all applicants:

- 1. Register (https://v2.4honline.com/) and agree to behavior expectations.
- 2. Pass a criminal background check every 2 years.
- 3. Complete several trainings, all of which can be done online. Topics include youth protection, creating safe spaces, risk management and youth development.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Ellen Andrews (ellen.andrews@wisc.edu) for more information.

4-H Mini Grants—Clubs & Projects

Thanks to a donation from Colony Brands, the 4-H Adult Leaders Association is happy to offer two mini-grants:

- 4-H Club Mini Grants Each 4-H club in 2025 can request a one-time funding equaling \$5 per enrolled member.
 The club must provide a description of how they will use the funds to engage and connect members.
- 4-H Project Mini Grants 4-H project leaders can request funding (\$50-\$200) to cover expenses for a countywide 4-H project learning experience.

More information and the application form is available at: https://go.wisc.edu/4796q9.

4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 7:00-8:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 7:00-8:30 PM

Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St, Monroe All 4-H members in 6th grade or above are invited to attend. For more information about the Green County 4-H Junior Leaders, please contact Deb Myers at april18@tds.net.

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

A friendly reminder that Green County 4-H Adult Leaders, Inc. meetings are open to all actively enrolled 4-H adult leaders. Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, March 3, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM Executive Board
- Monday, April 7, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM Executive Board
- Monday, April 7, 2025, 7:30-9:00 PM In-person & Zoom options. For Zoom info, please go to: https://go.wisc.edu/1vb1gy
- Monday, May 5, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM Executive Board

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

Friend of 4-H & Volunteer Awards

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

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

These awards will be presented at 4-H Graduation on July 20th at the Green County Fair. **Nominations are due by June 15th:** https://forms.gle/RWNgmg1QtsTgsh3v7.

Cloverbuds

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4-H Cloverbud Fun Night

Friday, March 7, 2025, 6:00-7:30 pm Green County Justice Center - 2841 6th Street, Monroe An evening of fun, hands-on art and science activities specifically designed for our 4-H members in 5K-2nd grade. Register by March 4th at: https://go.wisc.edu/6wia5o.

Family, Home & Health

Cake Decorating Workshop

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

- Gr. 3-4 Saturday, March 15th, from 10:00-11:00am - Basic frosting and decorating techniques with candy (max of 15 kids; if more interested, will offer a 11:00am-Noon
- Gr. 5-13 Saturday, March 15th, from 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).

Register for 4-H Cake Decorating Workshops by Monday, March 3rd at: https://go.wisc.edu/rrtd30.

Green County Fair 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 through the Fair Entry program. To read the Foods Department rules and entry options, and to register: please go to: https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/.

Arts & Communication

4-H Talent Show

Calling all performers! We will again have a Green County 4-H Talent Show in the last week of May 2025. Both group and individual acts are allowed and all Green County 4-H youth are eligible to perform. The required



rehearsal and performance will be on two evenings in the last week of May. Please start thinking about acts! They can be any type of performance: magic, music (instrumental or vocal), comedy, spoken word, dance, etc. Registration and more details will be in the May/June Alphorn. Questions can be directed to: performing.arts.committee.gco@gmail.com.

4-H Youth Performing Arts Day & Theater Troupe

Saturday, May 3, 2025 1:00-3:45pm—Youth Performing Arts Day

4:00-4:45—Theater Troupe

Kiwanis Youth Cabin—N2997 Cabin Rd. Monroe Spend an afternoon exploring performing arts through games and music! Participants will sharpen their skills with technique and improv games and then delve into their own performance. We will enter the world of adventure and archeology as our brave explorers try to unlock a chest of ancient treasures. Will they succeed? Participants will work together to answer this question, creating an exciting skit to show their parents at the end of the session. Weather permitting we will work and perform outside in nature. Join us to hone your performing arts skills, practice some creative storytelling, and have some fun!

Youth can also choose to sign up to join the theatre group and stay for an additional 45-minute session. Theatre Troupe

members will be challenged with more complex improv exercises that they will perform for the Talent Show in May. This event is free and open to 4-H youth in grades 3-8. Register by

Sunday, April 27 at: https://go.wisc.edu/v6h779.



WI 4-H State Photography Contest

Wisconsin 4-H is excited to reintroduce a state photography contest. Any 4-H member in grades 3-13 can enter the contest from March 1st to April 1st at 11:59pm.

The contest will run through 4-H online. Contest guidelines and how to upload your photo will be available in your 4HOnline account and select "event" on the left hand menu. This year members will be able to enter 1 photo in each of the following categories...

- 4-H Themed
- People
- Animals/Wildlife
- **Textures**
- Landscape
- Black and White only

Each photo entry will cost the member \$3.00. The cost of the entry fee helps to pay for the printing, mounting and displaying of the photos. Any excess funds will support other 4-H arts activities.

Each photo will be judged by a group of skilled photographers. The top photo in each category will be printed, mounted and displayed at the State 4-H office, be a part of the 4-H State Art show at Summer Academy, shared on the Wisconsin 4-H social media sites, and available for display at other statewide events.

Want to know how to take and edit good pictures? Find resources on how to improve your photography skills at: Wi Photography Project Resources

Natural Sciences

TRACKS Newsletter

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

Wildlife & Forestry 4-H Art Contest

March 28 & 29, 2025 @ West Bend, WI.

There are 18 categories & five age groups: K5-2nd grade, 3-4th grade, 5th-6th grade 7-9th grade, & 10th-13th grade. You can enter 5 items. Ribbon prizes go to the top 10 items in each class and age division. Have fun & show your skills with others around the state. Registrations are due March 8th, and requires the signature of the 4-H Educator or 4-H Project Leader, plus a fee depending on the number of item entering and depending on whether you are also entering the Tri County Tournament. For more information, registration form on our Shooting Sports webpage: https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/.

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests

March 28 & 29, 2025 @ West Bend, WI.

This contest is an opportunity for you to become familiar with the wildlife habitat education program competition and/or the forestry program competition. Registrations are due March 8th, and requires the signature of the 4-H Educator or 4-H Leader, plus a \$10 fee. For more information, see the WHEP study guide, Forestry study guide, and registration form on our Shooting Sports webpage: https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/shooting-sports/.

Tri-County 4-H Tournament

March 28 & 29, 2025 @ West Bend, WI

To be eligible to shoot in this archery & air rifle tournament, youth must have participated in 4-H Air Rifle/BB Gun clinics in 2025 or 4-H Archery Clinics in 2024. Families are responsible for their own transportation and fees. Find the rules and registrations forms at: https://go.wisc.edu/09o687. Registrations are due March 8th. Please note...

- Air Rifle or Plinker Classes Please note there is NO BB Gun classes available. You will need to notify and get the signature of either Dave Rolli (815-593-0088), Pat McCullough (608-558-6350), or Rich Haffner (651-246-9493). PLEASE specify if you are planning to borrow an air rifle from Green County 4-H for this contest.
- Archery Classes Your registration form will require the signature of either Derrick Fiez (608-558-6012) or Chris Fiez (608-214-1503), who will arrange the teams. If you wish to use a Green County 4-H bow and arrows to complete with at the tournament, you will need to shoot on Saturday of the contest, and must request to use this equipment when requesting Derrick or Chris' signature.

Additional 2025 Competitive Shoots

There are several competitive shoots coming up that 4-H Shooting Sports members can participate in. Families will be responsible for providing their own equipment, transportation and fees for these events. Youth must have approval of their 4-H Shooting Sports certified instructor.

- March 21-22—Winter Invitational Marshfield— Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery—Marshfield, WI
- April 4-5—4-H/NRA Sectionals, Chippewa County— BB Gun & Air Rifle—Bloomer, WI
- May 17—Western Gateway Statewide Shoot— River Falls, WI—Muzzleloader
- July 18-19—Triple Crown Statewide Invitational— Marshfield, WI—Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery
- July 20—Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast— Marshfield, WI—Shotgun
- July 25-26—Annual Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invitational—Horicon, WI—Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Interested in participating in some competitive shoots this spring and summer? Check out the list of events at: https://go.wisc.edu/09o687

Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops

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

- April 19, 2025—Stoughton, WI (Archery, Muzzleloader, Air Rifle/Rifle, Air Pistol/Pistol & Shotgun)
- May 10, 2025—Phillips, WI (Archery, Air Rifle/Rifle & Shotgun)

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

Animal Science

Animal Science Virtual Education Series

In 2025, Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, will host two webinars in March & April from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This is available for all youth grades 3-13. The sessions will be recorded and available on the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program's YouTube channel. This is offered in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension.

Register for these events at: https://go.wisc.edu/957612

March 18, 2025 - Management for your animal project

This session will identify tips and tricks related to management of your animal project. Biosecurity standards are the best practices in raising animal, this meeting will stimulate thoughts on how to minimize disease spread. Dr. Gretchen May from DATCP, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, will be the speaker. More information will be forthcoming.

April 17, 2025 – Charcuterie Boards

Jessica Brown, Heather Hunt and Joshua Brantley will walk us through how to create Charcuterie boards. These speakers have a wealth of background in meat & food science and are excited to share ideas.



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 **Saturday, April 5, 2025** from 8:45 AM—9:50 AM. This training will be held at the Blackhawk Technical College (210 4th Ave., Monroe). This will be the **LAST TRAINING** in Green County before the Green County Fair.

BEFORE attending in this training, members MUST register, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pre-test, all on the YQCA website (https://yqcaprogram.org/). To learn more about training options, see the flyer on page 13 of this Alphorn for more info. For more information please see:

https://green.extension.wisc.edu/2024/01/26/yqca-youth-for -the-quality-care-of-animals/

Dairy

4-H Dairy Judging

Any youth wanting to learn more about evaluating dairy cattle, while also developing valuable communication and decision-making skills, are invited to participate in any of the Green County 4-H Dairy judging practices. Youth who participate in these practices have the opportunity to go on and compete in a regional 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at Area Animal Science Day, June 30 in Calumet County.

Practices will take place each Wednesday evening at 7:45pm. The first practice will take place Wed., April 23rd, going through June 25th. A schedule with locations will be mailed to all dairy project members. If you are unable to attend the first practice, you may still join any future practice. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Marean, one of our Dairy Judging coaches: 862-2699 or marean@tds.net.

James W. Crowley Dairy Scholarships

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. Fifteen (15) state-level awards are to be presented annually to outstanding



4-H Dairy Project members, and the top three youth will each receive \$1000 cash awards. Additionally, the top 4-H member that is a Junior in high school as of January 1, 2024, will be offered a \$5000 scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and enroll in the Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences.

Green County can select up to 3 dairy youth, grades 10-13, who have been involved with the dairy project for a minimum of two years. Green County youth interested in applying for this recognition must complete the online application by April 1, 2025 at: https://go.wisc.edu/974f84.

Swine

2025 Swine ID Procedure

Green County Fair Swine Exhibitors will be required to tag their pigs with RFID tags, picked up at the Green County Extension Office and do picture identifications for each pig. There will be no upfront cost to



the exhibitor, as the Green County Meat Animal Auction Committee covers the cost of the tags. Swine exhibitors will be required to pick up their Identification kits and tags, tag their pigs and return their picture forms to the Extension office between **March 24 and 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. 4-H Leaders and Agriculture instructors will be allowed to pick up ID kits for their members. However, they will be required to sign for all the kits that they pick up.

The kit will include YQCA information, Swine Picture Identification Forms and RFID ear tags. The Identification Forms must be returned to the Extension office by **April 11**.

Sheep & Goats

4-H Goat Workshop

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, time TBA Green County Justice Center, Rooms 2-3 Guest Presenters: Nicole Davis & Mike Egan

Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2025 to a lucky Wisconsin youth ages 10-15 as of Jan 1. Applications are available online at the US Targhee Sheep Association website: https://go.wisc.edu/939i50 and are due March 1, 2025.

2025 Market Lamb & Market Goat ID

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

Picture ID Forms and RFID tags will be available April 7 - April 18* and must be returned to the Extension Green County office before 4:30 PM on April 18 to exhibit market lambs at the 2025 Green County Fair.



Picture ID Forms can list family youth, including all siblings, within the immediate family, with a maximum of 5 market animals being entered for picture ID's. ID Forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off at the Extension Green County drop box in our front lobby. Youth will need their RFID and scrapie tag numbers to enter on their online fair entry form.

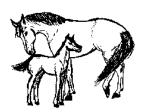
*Note: Families MUST pick up eat tags or paperwork prior to April 18th, as the office will be closed on Friday, April 18th.

If families turn in forms on Friday, April 18th, they can put them in our secure drop box at the Extension Office. If families check out an ear tagger during the ID process, they will be STRONGLY encouraged to return it to the Extension Office by Thursday, April 17th.

Horse & Pony

Horse Project Kick-off Event

Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 11:00am-1:00pm 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.



Horse Project Coggins and Fees Deadline

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

 By April 1st: 4-H Horse Project Fees - \$30 per youth or no more than \$50 per family, made payable to "Green County 4-H Adult Leaders". Fees help to cover costs of clinicians, judges, awards and more. • By May 1st: Coggins for each horse, with the Premise ID for where the horse is stabled, written at the top of the Coggins form. Electronic Coggins forms must be in color and the photo clear. Carbon copies are allowed with correct markings and colors noted. If Coggins are updated during the season, just provide updated copy when available.

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

English Pleasure & Equitation Clinic

May 4 from 10:00 AM—2:30 PM Country View Equestrian Center, N2192 Clarno Rd, Monroe Register by April 29 at: https://go.wisc.edu/u364iv

Western Pleasure & Gymkhana Clinic

May 17 from 10:00 AM—2:30 PM Green County Fairground, 2600 10th St. Monroe Register by May 13 at: https://go.wisc.edu/shbk4f

4-H Fun Show

May 31 from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Green County Fairgrounds, 2600 10th St, Monroe Register by May 27 at: https://go.wisc.edu/t2hf62

Horseless Horse Opportunities

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

State Horse Opportunities State 4-H Horse Education Days

This State Contest, May 3-4 at UW-Green Bay, offer opportunities for Speaking and Demonstration, Horse Bowl, and Hippology. Entries are due April 1st. More details about each contest can be found in Chapter 4 in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook: https://go.wisc.edu/s5l1l5

State 4-H Hunter & Dressage Show & Clinics

This state event offers 3 great days of clinics and contests, June 27-29 at Sheboygan County Fairgrounds. There will opportunities for over fences, dressage and hunter on the flat. Entries must be postmarked by May 15th, with signature of the 4-H Educator. Participants must be a Green County 4-H member in good standing. More details about each contest can be found in Chapter 4 in the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook: https://go.wisc.edu/s5l1l5

IMPORTANT 2025 Green County Fair Updates & Reminders

Preparing for 2025 Green County Fair

County Fair may seem far off, but the time to submit Fair Entries is coming fast! Junior Fair Entries will be accepted from April 22 through May 22, 2025. No late entries will be accepted!!



Start NOW to prepare!

Go to the Green County Fair Website:

http://www.greencountyfair.net, and look under "Exhibitors" and "Junior Class". There you need to:

- READ the <u>Fair General Rules & Instructions</u> (Yes! You need to do this EVERY year!!)
- READ the Department Forms for EVERY department that you are interested in showing in. This is how you will know what you an enter, what are the rules, and when will judging be.
- 3. Keep an eye out for updated Fair Entry Tutorial guidelines and instruction, and review when available.

READ! READ! Rules change. Dates and times change. Entry options change. The ONLY way you are going to know what you need to know for the 2025 County Fair is if you take the time to read ALL the general instructions and department documents each year.

Showing Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horses or Poultry? Premise ID Needed

If so, during the Fair Registration process, you will be required to provide the premise ID for the property on which your animal(s) are housed. This may mean that you need to remind the owner of the land on which you keep your animals to renew their Premise ID registration. Property owners can register new premises or renew previous registrations by visiting: https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/

Department 5—Goats

New for 2025, All exhibitors will be eligible to sell in the auction 1 (one) market wether from Lot 30, provided the exhibitor meets all the auction eligibility requirements. Wethers must meet a minimum weight of 45 pounds to sell and will be paid up to a maximum weight of 100 pounds.

Poultry Testing

In order for poultry to be showed at the County Fair, DATCP requires that birds must originate from a certified flock or be individually tested. Individual testing will be available on May 31 and June 1 for a small fee. More details to come!

Meat Animal Auction - Deadlines

All exhibitors who plan to <u>sell animals</u> 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 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

Wisconsin State Fair

WSF Volunteer Adult Contact

Will you be leading, coordinating and supervising Junior Show exhibitors at Wisconsin State Fair this year? If so, you need to submit an application for either a Volunteer Adult Group Contact (VAGC - due March 19) or a Volunteer Adult Independent Contact (VAIC - May 21)! For details and application, go to the "Volunteer Adult Contact" section at: https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/



Other Opportunities

Tractor Safety Training

Blackhawk Technical College—Monroe Campus will be offering a youth tractor safety training program from April 14th-May 29th, 2025. The purpose of the course is to instruct youth between the ages of 12-16 on safe use of farm equipment and to provide youth with a 24-hour course to comply with Wisconsin Act 455 and to comply with the Federal Child Labor Standards. Part of this course will be delivered virtually via zoom technology with required daily online assignments. In addition, the class will also have face-to-face sessions for driver preparation, training, and testing. 100% attendance is required for WI Certification and students must pass both a written and driving exam to successfully complete this program.

Those interested can register by April 1st in person at the BTC Monroe campus (210 4th Avenue, Monroe, WI) and complete the necessary registration paperwork and safety waiver. To register for the class, contact Tracey Wren at: Monroe Campus 608-329-8206 or twren@blackhawk.edu For more information about the class, contact the instructor Dustin Williams at: dwilliams61@blackhawk.edu or 608-329-8210.

4-H Club Happenings

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

Next Generation 4-H Club

In February, the 4-H Club made over 100 Valentines cards to be given to residents at Pleasant View Nursing home, while enjoying cupcakes and other delicious treats. Besides these cards helping to cheer the local residents, our club was helping reach the national goal of 10,000 Valentines from a 4-H and FFA

challenge placed on Facebook. Everyone had a blast, including our 5 new families. Submitted by Brandon Straws



New Glarus 4-H Club

In December the 4-H Club had an ice skating party, and went caroling at the New Glarus Home. In February they made valentines for the New Glarus Home residents and played football trivia as an icebreaker. Submitted by Adayla Babler



York 4-H Club

In December the 4-H
Club made cookie
plates for the
Pecatonica Foods Pantry
that were distributed
also to shut-ins. In
February, the club
went bowling at
Leisure Lanes in
Monroe. Submitted by
Ellen Barnes



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EXTENSION GREEN COUNTY

AS A MEMBER...

- Expand 4-H Programs
- Work with amazing youth, volunteers, and families
- Create new partnerships
- Grow Professionally
- Make a difference

DETAILS

- \$5,000 Living Allowance
- \$1,956.35 Education Award
- May 2025 August 2025
- Average Hours Per Week: 30 (x14 Weeks)

APPLY NOW



Send your resume & cover letter to Ellen Andrews at ellen.andrews@wisc.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 14 AT 4:30PM







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.

MARCH 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Camp Staff Team Applications		11:59 PM	Extension Office
1	Green County Fair Foods Revue	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
3	DEADLINE Cake Decorating Workshop		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/rrtd30
3	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
4	4-H Performing Art Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
4	DEADLINE 4-H Cloverbud Fun Night		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/6wia5o
5	DEADLINE Scholarship & Award Applications		11:59 PM	Extension Office
7	4-H Cloverbud Fun Night	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1, 2, & 3, Justice Center
8	4-H Horse Kick-Off Event	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
12	First Year Archery Participant Orientation	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	SCWA (1724 10th St, Monroe)
13	4-H Camp Youth Staff Interviews	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Extension Conference Room
14	DEADLINE AmeriCorps Summer 4-H Position		4:30 PM	Extension Office
15	4-H Cake Decorating Workshop	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
17	County Fair Cake Revue Registration Opens			Fair Entry
19	Spring Scholarship & Award Interviews	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Extension Conference Room
24	DEADLINE 4-H Exploration Day Registration		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/tm293b
24	Market Swine Identification Opens	8:00 AM		Extension Office
26	Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
28	DEADLINE County Fair Cake Revue Registration		11:59 PM	Fair Entry
APRIL 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE James Crowley Award Application		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/974f84
1	DEADLINE Horse Project Fees		4:30 PM	Extension Office
5	4-H Exploration Day & YQCA	8:45 AM	12:00 PM	Blackhawk Technical College
5	Green County Fair Cake Revue	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
7	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
7	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	In-Person or Zoom
7	Market Lamb/Goat Identification Opens	8:00 AM		Extension Office
8	4-H Performing Arts Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
11	Market Swine Identification Closes		4:30 PM	Extension Office
18	Market Lamb/Goat Identification Closes		4:30 PM	Extension Office
18	Good Friday—Extension Office Closed			Extension Office
22	Fair Entries Open			
23	Junior Leaders Meeting	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monroe Methodist Church
27	DEADLINE 4-H Youth Performing Arts Day		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/v6h779



4-H Exploration Day

For Youth in Grades 3-12 Saturday, April 5, 2025





4-H Exploration Day will actively engage youth, 3rd grade and older, in hands-on learning and exploring a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Art interests. This FREE event, open to the public, is made possible thanks to a partnership with Blackhawk Technical College and the generous support of the Green County 4-H Adult Leaders Association, with a donation from Colony Brands. Come explore what 4-H and BTC have to offer!

Schedule

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

Registration & Deadline

Register by Monday, March 24, 2025 at: https://go.wisc.edu/tm293b

Please note that session spots are limited; please identify 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice.

Sessions are 50 minutes long. Most sessions will be offered only one time, but some will be offered twice. If you want to come for just 1 or 2 sessions, and not all 3, please indicate this on your registration form. **Day of event**: parents/guardians must sign release forms. Adults may attend sessions with youth, but not required.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Canvas Button Art	Art: Hand Building with Clay	Art: Hand Building with Clay
Art: Sensational Stitching	Art: Sensational Stitching	Photography Composition 101
Electromagnetics & Relay Circuits	Electromagnetics & Relay Circuits	Cork Craft
Model Building	Crafting a Catapult	Baking Soda Bottle Rockets
YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (8:45am start; requires fee)	Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock	Rabbit Showmanship
Agriculture Sprayer Simulator	Precision Farm Equipment	Drone Use in Agriculture
Tractor Maintenance & Safety	What's the Buzz about Bees?	Money as You Grow
	Foods Safety Laboratory	Introduction to Microbiology

Session Descriptions (alphabetical):

Agriculture Sprayer Simulator (Session 1)

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

Animal Science: Practice Tools for Health Management of Livestock (Session 2)

Learn proper injection techniques and simple obstetrical manipulation for large animals, including sheep and goats. Limit of 10 participants. Presented by: Lisa Holcomb, DVM

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

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

Baking Soda Bottle Rockets (Session 3)

Learn how to build a baking soda bottle rocket. Great fun for those hot summer days ahead. Limit of 10 participants. Presented by: Marc & Chris Smith

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Canvas Button Art (Session 1)

Get creative! Participants will use buttons to design a unique canvas art piece. Limit of 12 participants. Presented by: Desiree Bochman

Cork Craft (Session 3)

Learn how to make a spring character or two out of bottle corks. Bring your imagination! Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Emily & Janet Kruse

Crafting a Catapult (Session 2)

Create a catapult with popsicle sticks, then try to make it better. Marshmallow will be used for projectiles. *Limit of 8 participants. Presented by: Noah & Janet Kruse*

Drone Use in Agriculture (Session 3)

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

Electromagnetic Attraction & Relay Circuits (Session 1 or 2)

Learn what electromagnetism is and how it can be used. Participants will use DC power supplies, relays, switches, and loads to build and operate relay control circuits. Limit of 6 participants. Presented by: Steve Gellings

Foods Safety Laboratory: Techniques and Tests (Session 2)

Learn some of the procedures and tests used in a Food Safety Lab. Explore why they are used and how they correlate to safety quality food. Limit of 6 participants. Presented by: Daniel Harrigan, BTC Instructor

Introduction to Microbiology (Session 3)

Students will discuss different types of microbes, find them under the microscope, and learn how to test for them. Limit of 6 participants. Presented by: Daniel Harrigan, BTC Instructor

Model Building (Session 1)

Learn about building scale models by using Sprue Cutters, sanding sticks, and glue to build a 1:87 model garage No experience needed, but any level welcome! Limit of 7 participants. Presented by: Jamison & Chris Smith

Money as You Grow (Session 3)

Youth learn fun facts about money and how others spend, save, share, and borrow money. Limit of 15 participants. Presented by: Bob Wiegel, Extension Human Development Educator

Photography Composition 101 (Session 3)

Learn what makes a good quality photo, including simple background, rules of thirds and framing the subject.

Practice identifying quality photos and putting these skills into practice. Limit of 12 participants. Presented by: TBA

Precision Farm Equipment (Session 2)

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

Rabbit Showmanship (Session 3)

Learn about what it takes to show a rabbit, including learning about terms, hand positions, manners, and proper technique when showing! Limit of 15 participants. Presented by: Elena Boss, Joclyn Watson & Micki Andrews

Sensational Stitching (Session 1 or 2)

Participants will learn how to do three simple hand embroidery stitches, and then apply them on burlap fabric to make a sampler bookmark. Limit of 6 participants. Presented by: Micki Andrews

Tractor Maintenance & Safety (Session 1)

Join other youth in the BTC shop to learn about the parts of a tractor, safety features, general farm safety rules, proper clothing to wear when operating a tractor, safety checks before operating a tractor, and how to communicate to others while operating a tractor. Limit of 10 participants. Presented by: Lincoln Watson

What's the Buzz About Bees? (Session 2)

Learn about beekeeping basics including honey bee biology, honey production, pollination, tools and equipment for beekeeping. Limit of 30 participants. Presented by: Kim Kester, Extension Regional Ag Educator

YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Session 1)

An annual training required of all youth exhibiting dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry & rabbits. Session will start early, running 8:45-9:50am. Must pay \$3, pre-register and complete pre-test all at: https://yqcaprogram.org/. Limit of 50 participants. Presented by: Kim Kester, Extension Regional Ag Educator

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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/

Three 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.

<u>Option B- Test-out option</u>—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.

Option C—Instructor Led Training—Sessions will be held face-to-face and are limited to the first 50 youth. Youth MUST register, pay online, and complete the Pre-Test, BEFORE attending the training. Exhibitors need to arrive at least 5 minutes in advance of the session to check-in and MUST stay the full 60 minutes. Cost is \$3 per person, per year, and MUST be paid online at the time of registration. Exhibitors ages 19-21, as of December 31, 2024, CANNOT take the Instructor-Led Training, and instead must take the Web-Based Training. A YQCA Instructor-Led Training will be held Saturday, April 5th, from 8:45am-9:50am at the Blackhawk Technical College (Monroe Campus), 210 4th Ave, Monroe, WI. You must register and pay online to attend.

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

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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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