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Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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Next Alphorn Deadline:
August 15th



Ellen Andrews
4-H Youth
Development Educator

Two Major 4-H Learning Experiences

As the 4-H year grows to a close, we find our members busy preparing for two major educational experiences:

- **COUNTY FAIR**—Sort of the “Super Bowl” of the 4-H year. There is a whole 4-H season that leads up to this big event, but it is a highlight for many members. In support of you having a positive County Fair experience, please see page 5-8.
- **4-H RECORD BOOK**—A planning and summary tool that helps youth reflect on and highlight what they have done and learned through 4-H this year. We encourage all 4-H youth to complete a 4-H Record Book, but it is *REQUIRED* of youth in 3rd grade and older who wish to exhibit as a 4-H member at next year’s County Fair or receive a 4-H Travel or College Scholarship. 4-H Clubs **MUST** submit Record Books by Monday, August 25, 2025. (See page 3 for details.)

Now is an important time to remember why it is we “do” 4-H. Youth are often excited about showing their projects at the fair. We are excited for this also! But remember, the key purpose of 4-H isn’t really about teaching kids to show an animal, build a birdhouse, or take a picture. 4-H is really about helping youth learn LEADERSHIP and LIFE SKILLS, and growing youth into COMPASSIONATE and COMPETENT young people who are CONNECTED to their community.

The County Fair and 4-H Record Books can be perfect opportunities for youth to continue developing these 4-H skills and attributes. As adults, whether parents or leaders, our 4-H youth are watching us closely to see how we approach these 4-H opportunities. They take their cues from us as to whether the County Fair is first and foremost about competition and winning, or about learning and practicing Teamwork, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Empathy, and even Stress Management.

We look forward to seeing you all in just a couple weeks at the County Fair, and enjoying with you the wonderful learning opportunities that this event offers.

Sincerely, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H Hotdog Stand

to supports 4-H Camp!

Sat. July 12, 10am-2pm

Green County Fairground
near Family Packet pick-up.

Cash ONLY!

Be sure to support the Jr. Leaders Dairy Bar!

In the Youth-In-Action building

Tues, July 15, Noon-5pm

Wed-Sat, July 16-19, 9am-7pm

Sun, July 20, 9am-5pm

Breakfast Wed-Sun at 7:30-9:00am or until gone.

New Family Corner

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

Making Memories at the County Fair

Going to and exhibiting at the County Fair is often a major highlight for 4-H youth. This month's "Explore 4-H for New Families" newsletter (<https://bit.ly/NFNFair>) provides some very helpful information on who organizes the fair and how you can help your youth prepare to show what they worked so hard on.

Parents: How to help your 4-H member find success

- Be **prepared**. Read the General Rule and Department forms, and get to know fair entry rules for your 4-H member's exhibits. Find these on the [Fair website](#).
- Make it **educational**. Ask your 4-H member questions about their exhibits). Helping youth reflect on their work can also help them prepare to talk with a judge.
- Keep everything in **perspective**, and be **supportive**. Even if the color of the ribbon wasn't what your exhibitor was looking for, you can help them focus on what they learned in the process.
- Have **fun** and **make memories**! The fair is full of opportunities that will stick with your family for a long time. Adults can help make sure that it is a positive experience for youth.

Members: Judges might ask you questions about your exhibit. Start thinking about your answers!

- Why did you select this project?
- Who helped you along the way?
- What did you do to prepare from start to finish?
- What challenges did you face?
- What was the hardest part?
- What did you learn while doing this project?
- How can you use what you learned to help you in everyday life?

Welcome, Summer Staff!

We are excited to announce our 2025 Summer Staff!



Photo (L to R): Alana Durtschi & Lillian Sievers

Welcome, Alana Durtschi!

Hello! My name is Alana Durtschi and I am the 2025 Summer Intern. Recently, I finished my first year of college at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education. I have been a part of the 4-H program for 12 years and this is my final year of eligibility. My 4-H experience has been a wonderful one, and I have grown in my leadership, communication, and problem solving skills. Furthermore, I enjoy exhibiting at the Green County Fair in project areas such as sheep, roasters, woodworking, home furnishings, and archery. This summer I look forward to learning more about the 4-H program and creating opportunities for youth in the community to engage in all that 4-H has to offer!



Welcome, Lillian Sievers!

Hello, my name is Lillian Sievers. This summer I am the Extension Green County Student Assistant! You may recognize me from different activities or committees around Green County. If you don't, that's alright, I can tell you a bit about myself. I am going into my junior year at Brodhead High School and someday I plan on going into the music industry. I love doing anything band/music related and jump at almost every opportunity that I get! I am an active 4-H member, and I have been in 4-H since 3rd grade. I have been the president of my 4-H club for many years but I am actively serving as treasurer. At the county fair, I enjoy doing projects in the Exhibition Hall such as; crochet, clothing, cultural arts, recycling, and foods. My favorite project is cake decorating! When I am not in the office this summer, you can find me making music, with a good book, or getting ready for fair. I am very excited to learn new things and help out where I can! I can't wait to see everyone this summer!



Congratulations!

- To our WI 4-H Education Travel Participants:
 - National 4-H Conference—Mirielle Smith
 - Space Camp—Finley Pfeifer
 - American Spirit—Milo Dickson
 - Summer Academy—Spencer Rufer
 - Citizenship Washington Focus—Mirielle Smith

Thank You!

- To Carla Melvin, Karen Buck & Jacqueline Shares for hosting and providing leadership for the 4-H Horse Fun Show.
- To the Performing Arts Committee for organizing terrific events: 4-H Youth Performing Arts Day,

Theater Troupe, and the 4-H Talent Show.

- To the Smith, Sievers, Dickson, Kruse & Matson families for leading the 4-H in the Great Outdoors event at Cadiz springs in May.
- To the Watson, Boss, Kubly, and Buck/King families for trimming around the 4-H Horse arena and trailer.
- To Lisa Holcomb for hosting 4-H Cat Workshops.
- To Tina Herbst for hosting 4-H Dog Workshops.
- To Mike Egan & Nicole Davis for hosting a 4-H Goat Fitting & Showmanship Workshop.
- To County Fair Poultry Superintendent, Audrey Ischi, for working with 4-H volunteer, Tonya Gratz, to host a 4-H Poultry Workshop.
- To Heidi Rufer and Jason Gough for hosting a 4-H Rabbit Workshop.

4-H Record Book Deadline

4-H Record Books are a valuable educational resource that offers opportunities for our members to REFLECT on their learning, develop LIFE SKILLS of planning and record keeping, and RECOGNITION of their growth.

Check with your 4-H Club Leader to find out your 4-H Club's Record Book DEADLINE. Clubs must turn in all County Record Books, Cloverbud Record Books, and Record Book Compliance Reports by

Monday, August 25th to the Extension Office.

Got Record Book Questions? Drop-in Hours

If you have any questions about 4-H Records Books, from where to find them and which to do, to how to fill out a specific page or question, please feel free to contact Ellen at the Extension Office at any time!

We are also offering Drop-in Zoom Office Hours on **Thursday, July 31st from 6:00-8:00pm**. Go to this link for connection info: <https://go.wisc.edu/5068p1>.

Cloverbud Record Book (5K-2nd Grade)

Youth in the Cloverbud project are *strongly encouraged*, but not required, to complete a 4-H Cloverbud Record Book. Each youth who submits a 4-H Cloverbud Record Book will be recognized at the County Level.

Record Books for Members in 3rd-13th Grade

Youth in 3rd grade and older who wish to exhibit as a 4-H member at next year's County Fair or receive a 4-H Travel or College Scholarship are *REQUIRED* to do a Record Book.

- **OPTION 1 – 4-H County Record Book** – The county's optimal record book for reflection, record keeping and recognition opportunities. Youth who fill out this county record book are eligible for county awards.
- **OPTION 2 – 4-H Minimal Record Book** – Offers a basic level of reflection and record keeping opportunities,

but is not eligible for county level recognition.

- **OPTION 3 – 4-H Club Approved Record Book** – A club approved record book must be agreed and voted on by club membership and needs approval from the 4-H Youth Development Educator to proceed for the year.

All Green County 4-H Record Book forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Green County 4-H Forms website: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

2026 Record Book Re-Design Team—Join!

The 4-H Motto is "To Make the Best Better." In this spirit, how can we continue to improve the 4-H Record Book options, while keeping this a valuable record keeping, reflection and recognition opportunity.

Do YOU have ideas for how we can improve the 4-H Record Books? Join our Record Book Re-Design Team! We are looking for older youth and parents. We need all perspectives! If you are willing to participate in these discussions and re-design process, please indicate your interest by July 30th at: <https://go.wisc.edu/1wmoh3>.

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Celebrate the end of summer with some 4-H camp fun specifically designed for our youngest 4-H members, as we enjoy a variety of camp experiences, including art, nature, games, campfire songs, and more.

Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9:00-11:30am

Kiwanis Youth Cabin, Monroe

For members in 5K-2nd grade (2024-2025 school year)

Check in will be 8:45-9:00am, with pickup at 11:30am.

Adult and older youth helpers are needed to assist with this program. If you or a member of your family would be interested in assisting, please indicate so on the registration form. Space is limited to 24 registrations.

Register by July 30th at: <https://go.wisc.edu/hn29b0>.

4-H Kickball Tournament

4-H clubs and members of all ages are invited to join us for a little end of summer 4-H Recreation Fun...

Wednesday, Aug. 13th

6:00-8:15pm

Monroe Twining Park Softball Fields

Minimum of 10 players per team (no max). A club that cannot form a full team will be paired with another club. We need a minimum of 4 teams. Kickball rules will be modified to be more inclusive of all ages. We'll celebrate afterwards with frozen treats for all participants, and an extra prize for the winning team. Indicate your club's interest by July 30th at: <https://go.wisc.edu/yow2rk>.

Organizational Leader Reminders

- **4-H Annual Financial Report** – Due to Extension Office by August 25, 2025 – Club must conduct own club audit, reviewing ALL receipts, treasurer reports and bank statements, before submitting.
- **4-H Club & Group Bylaws** – Due to Extension Office by November 1, 2025. Encouraged to use templates. Must be in line with County 4-H policies.
- **4-H Charter Application** – Submit online between September 1 – November 1, 2025. Preplanning will include smart goals and possible activity list for the upcoming year, plus confirmation of meeting time and handicap accessible meeting location.

4-H Adult Leaders Opportunities

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

Green County 4-H Adult Leaders meetings are open to all enrolled 4-H adult leaders. Each 4-H club is encouraged to have an adult leader in attendance.

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, August 25, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM - Executive Board
- **Monday, August 25, 2025, 7:30-9:00 PM** - In-person attendance is encouraged. Phone or Zoom connection info is available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/010x6n>. There will be numerous items that need to be dropped off or picked up in-person (i.e. Record Books, 4-H Financial Records, 4-H Herdsmanship Checks).
- Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM - Executive Board
- Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:15-7:15 PM - Exec. Board
- **Monday, November 3, 2024, 7:30-9:00 PM** - Zoom Only: <https://go.wisc.edu/39noal>

Animal Science

4-H Horse Games Day Show

Sunday, July 13, 2025

7:00AM - Check In; 8:00AM - Show Start

Green County Fairgrounds Infield Arena

Register by July 6 at: <https://go.wisc.edu/97923f>

Show bill is available at: <https://go.wisc.edu/1gy6uo>

WI 4-H Gymkhana

September 6, 2025

State Fair Park, West Allis, WI

Competition for youth in grades 6th-13th featuring speed pattern racing events. Entries must be signed and

submitted to the Green County Extension Office by Monday, July 28th for the 4-H Educator's signature. **Late submissions will NOT be able to receive the Educator's signature.** Exhibitors are responsible for all individual fees. The 4-H Horse Committee will pay for the required trophy sponsorships, IF the youth have paid their 2025 4-H Horse Project fee. For details, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/927712>.

WI 4-H Horse Expo

September 12-14, 2025

Wisconsin State Fair Park; West Allis, WI

- Educational Contest—art, creative communication, photography, model horse, horse judging, and more!
- Horse Show—Draft, Driving, Walk Trot, Saddle Seat, Hunt, Western, Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

Entries must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s), and exhibitor and **submitted to the Green County Extension Office by Monday, July 28th** for the 4-H Educator's signature. **Late submissions will NOT be able to receive the Educator's signature.** Exhibitors are responsible for all individual fees. The 4-H Horse Committee will pay for a group tack stall and required trophy sponsorships, IF the youth have paid their 2025 4-H Horse Project fee. For complete details, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/o018dx>.

Natural Sciences

Badger Mine & Museum Tour

Sunday, August 24th at 2:00pm

279 W Estey St., Shullsburg, WI

Join our 4-H Geology Project for a visit to Badger Mine and Museum. View the primitive tools used to extract lead and learn about life in this early mining town. Follow your guide, down 51 steps into this unique hand dug 19th century mine, smell what 1850's miners smelled, feel upon your skin the increasing dampness they felt and hear the enclosing silence punctuated by dripping water.

This experience will be open to 4-H members and their families. Families will be responsible for providing their own transportation, supervision of youth, and covering a portion of the admission costs. Registration is due by Thursday, August 21st at: <https://go.wisc.edu/6mpw37>.

Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invite

July 25-26, 2025

Horicon Marsh Archers, Horicon, WI

This event is open to all 4-H members in good standing with their local club. Families are responsible for providing equipment, transportation and fees. Registration form and fees are due by July 28, 2025: <https://go.wisc.edu/74dl65>.

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 is a certification workshop coming up:

- September 13, 2025—Marshfield, WI
(Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Air Rifle/Rifle, Air Pistol/Pistol & Shotgun)

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

County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

2025 Green Co. Fair Volunteer Opportunities

It takes many, many youth and adult volunteers to make the County Fair a success! The Green County Fair Board is asking that the family of EVERY exhibitor volunteer in some way. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- **County Fair Volunteers**—Help out the County Fair with Gate Sales, Guest Services and more. To volunteer, call 608-325-9159 or <https://greencountyfair.net/get-involved/#volunteer>.
- **Older Youth Cloverbud Judges** - Saturday, July 12, 9am-2pm – Need older youth to talk with 4-H Cloverbuds about their exhibits. Must be comfortable talking with younger youth: <https://go.wisc.edu/4m3cb7>
- **Premier Exhibitor Contest Help** - Friday, July 18 - Adults to help with check-in, supervise activity and score tests. To help, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/l6i5iz>
- **4-H Promotion Activities** - Saturday, July 19, morning shifts at Exhibition Hall - Youth and adults to help with hands-on promotion 4-H activities. To sign-up, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/10388d>

County Fair Exhibitor Packet Pick-up

Family packets will contain the following...

- Project Entry Tags (for exhibition hall projects ONLY)
- Backtags (for youth with animal projects)
- Youth Wristbands
- Adult Leader Passes (See Fair Office)
- Herdsmanship packets (1 per club per species)

Family Packets with Exhibitor Wristbands and entry tags must be picked up in person at the Fair Office:

- Wed.-Fri., July 7-11: 8 am to 4 pm
- Thu., July 10: 8 am to 5:30 pm
- Sat. July 12: 9 am to 2:00 pm
- Mon.-Tue., July 14-15: 8 am to 4 pm

NO PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER TUESDAY at 4 PM. Lost wristbands will result in paying gate price or a season pass to get into the fair! Families unavailable to pick up their packet during this time can seek another individual to pick up their packet for them.

Non-Animal Check-in & Judging

It is important to know when each of your departments' exhibits need to be checked in and judged. Please READ the [2025 Green County Fair Judging Schedule](#) for specific times and locations (see page 8).

If you have questions about exhibiting in specific departments, please contact the Department Superintendents or County Fair Office. Exhibiting can be a great learning experience, but great things take time!

Use your Fair Entries confirmation email, which was sent to you after you submitted your fair entries, to help you remember what items you planned to bring.

Read the [Junior Fair](#) exhibiting guidelines for each department that you are exhibiting in, for information on exhibit size requirements, whether your entries require a 3"x5" description card, and possible changes to hanger and displaying requirements.

No fair exhibits can be removed before 6:00 PM Sunday. Exhibits in the Exhibition Hall must be removed between 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Sunday evening. No one assumes responsibility for exhibits. Vehicles will be allowed at the back door of Exhibition Hall only.

Face-to-Face Judging—Saturday, July 12

Exhibitors can arrive ANYTIME between 9am-1pm. Once your entry tags are attached, you can take a number at each department that you need to be judged at. When your number comes up at a department, you will bring your exhibits to the department to talk with the judge and have your items evaluated and placed. Please note, **Exhibitors must arrive early enough to have ALL of their exhibits judged by 2:00pm.**

Conference Judging - July 9, 10, & 14

In Conference Judging, the judge has the opportunity to speak with the individual exhibitors, while also comparing the entry to others in the same exhibitor lot. The exhibitor is expected to answer some questions from the judge, and also has the opportunity to ask questions to learn ways to improve on his/her skill or knowledge base. Please be aware that the judging times for Non-Animal Departments are approximations, and that the actual judging may run ahead of or behind schedule.

Schedule Conflict in Non-Animal Departments

Exhibitors are expected to be present during judging. Should a schedule conflict occur, an exhibitor can make arrangements for someone else to check-in their exhibits. The exhibitor MUST attach a note card with details about how and why the exhibit was made or selected, and what the exhibitor learned in the process.

General Questions Asked During Judging

Why did you choose this idea/item as your exhibit?
Where did you get the idea to make this exhibit?
What steps did you use to make this exhibit?
How much time did it take you to make the exhibit?
What do you like about your exhibit? What did you learn?

Other Judging Tips for Exhibitors

When talking with the judge, stand/sit up straight and speak with confidence. You are talking about yourself and your exhibit, so you should know your stuff! Look the judge in the eye when talking with them. If you don't know the answer to a judge's question, be honest and admit it. County Fair Judging is meant to be an educational experience, so do not be afraid to ask the judge some questions about the exhibit or project. Be courteous and polite at all times and at the end of your discussion with the judge, be sure to thank him/her for their comments.

Animal Departments Check-in

Dairy

(JR/Open) Check in Tuesday, July 15th 9 am – 3 pm
Veterinary Check-In area immediately, prior to tying animals in the barn. Exhibitor must have registration paper available when unloading. Need a person to assist in taking cattle to the barn after checking in. Cattle will be tail banded, bands will be removed by Superintendents. Animal Tag/Tattoo in the animal must match the Tag/Tattoo entered in the FairEntry system.
Lactating Cows: Milk samples taken within 7 days of movement and test negative for Influenza A. Must contact your vet to discuss timely testing.

Beef

Check in Tuesday, July 15th 12 pm – 3 pm
All market steers, heifers, and breeding stock need to be checked in by both the veterinarian and the superintendents. Check in at the north end of Barn #7. Not allowed to be unloaded or tied anywhere on the fairgrounds prior to noon.

Swine

Check in Monday, July 14th 12 pm – 8 pm
All barrows and gilts must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or an Intrastate Health Certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days. Papers checked prior to unloading swine. All swine must be in place by 8 pm on Monday evening. Exhibitors will be limited to **ONE** pen per exhibitor. Please have your pigs commingled prior to fair week, for a stress-free week for pigs.

Sheep

Check in Tuesday, July 15th 9 am – 11 am
Market animals must be weighed as they are unloaded. No repeat weights.

Goats

Check in Tuesday, July 15th 9 am- 11 am
Market goats weighed in the Mayer Transport Show Barn as they are checked in & unloaded. Must be checked in by Fair Veterinarian before getting unloaded/penned. All

wether entries must be weighed on Tuesday of fair week. No repeat weights.

Horse

Check in Saturday, July 12th 7 am – 8 am
Check in will be at your trailer for Coggins verification. Printed color copy of current year negative Coggins paperwork with Premise ID written on the form turned into the Superintendent at check in. Fair Office will retain these copies.

Poultry

Check in Tuesday, July 15th 9 am – noon
Provide copy of Flock Status certificate or Individual Testing paperwork at check in. Birds without this information will be sent home (fair office will not provide this). Bird must be checked in before putting in a pen. Roasters (Class I), Ducks (Class G) & Turkeys (Class H) weighed upon arrival at check in. No repeat weighing or swapping out of birds.

Rabbits

Check in Tuesday, July 15th 12:30 pm – 4 pm
Market single roaster rabbits will be weighed in at 4 pm. Exhibitor or someone standing in for them must be present during weigh in. No repeat weight or swapping out rabbits that do not make weight.

Auction Information

Exhibitors may sell up to two animals shown at the Green County Fair, but only one entry per species. Youth will be paid their bid amount less applicable fees.

All Animals (with the exception of auction animals) will be released from Fair on Sunday evening after 6:00 PM.

Fur & Feather Auction

Saturday, July 19th, 2025 at 9:30 AM
Mayer Transport Show Barn #7

Meat Animal Auction

Saturday, July 19th, 2025—Auction will start 30 minutes following the Fur & Feather Sale

2025 Livestock Auction Changes

The auction will again be in Barn 7, the Mayer Transport Show Barn. There will be **NO ANIMALS** in the auction. The auction will consist of the youth (who must be present) and a display screen projecting a photo from the youth with their project animal. We are encouraging buyers to visit the animals and youth in the barns before the auction. Pictures will be projected on a screen when your animal is being auctioned and as a participant, you will be on the auction floor, near the ringman to walk around. **Appropriate clothing MUST BE worn as on page 8 of the Green County Fair General Rules Dress Code. You can find this link on our website at: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/livestock-auctions/>**

Retention of “Show Rights” For Animals Sold in the Auction

An exhibitor can retain show rights for WI State Fair by declaring their intent to the auction committee prior to the auction. Exhibitors must also provide a written contract form, signed by the exhibitor’s parents and the buyer, to the auction clerks before the conclusion of the auction. The contract must state the exhibitor and parents agree to the following: to accept responsibility for any liability or claims caused by the animal, to provide proper care of the animal, to guarantee a minimum resale price to the buyer, to only exhibit the animal at the WI State Fair, and to have their auction check held until they confirm delivery of the animal to the buyer.

Dairy Youth Recognition Auction

Sunday, July 20th at 1:00 PM—Entertainment Tent
Held in conjunction with the Cheese Exhibitor’s Auction, Dairy Youth qualify to earn a spot to auction. From the highest bid received, each youth receives half of their bid amount, and the other half is placed in a fund to support scholarships to dairy youth furthering their education.

Additional County Fair Info

If you win a special award at the Fair...

Don’t forget to **THANK the sponsors** of the awards you receive! Green County is very fortunate to have generous people, businesses, and memorials supporting many awards and trophies. Without their remarkable contributions, our youth would not be rewarded as well as they are. **PARENTS** - please be sure to assist your youth with questions when writing thank you’s! Let’s show our sponsors our appreciation by following through.
TIP: many sponsors comment on how they enjoy getting pictures when they receive a thank you!

4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony

Sunday, July 20th, 11:00 AM—Entertainment Tent
Come join us in recognizing our 2025 4-H Key Award winners, Volunteers & Friend of 4-H Honorees, 4-H Scholarship winners, and 4-H Graduates at our 10th annual 4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony!

Green County Master Showman Contest

The 19th Annual Master Showman Contest will be held on Saturday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayer Transport Show Barn (Barn #7). The Grand and Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship exhibitors in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, and rabbit departments will have an opportunity to square off and see who will be the overall Master Showman in Green County! Bring your 4-H group to watch and cheer on your friends and fellow exhibitors!

Green County Premier Exhibitor Contest

Green County 4-H will hold its 16th Annual Premier Exhibitor contest on Friday, July 18th , 5:00–7:00 PM in the Stock Pavilion. This contest is open to youth exhibiting goats, sheep, swine, dairy, beef, rabbits or poultry. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters who have 75% or more of their production animal exhibitors (Dept 1-5, 7-8) compete in the Premier Exhibitor contest will earn 5 bonus points towards their Herdsmanship score in each species area. Results will be announced prior to the announcement of the Master Showman Contest winners on Saturday in the Mayer Transport Show Barn. Prizes will be given to the top 3 performers from each species for the Junior and Senior Divisions and the top 2 Platinum Division performers. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the contest, please call Alana Durtschi, Extension Summer Intern, at 608-328-9440.

Green County Fair Herdsmanship

This is a long running competition for our dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbit exhibitors from each club/chapter based on organization, cleanliness, educational materials, and overall presentation of the exhibits, animals, and exhibitors. Clubs/Chapters are free to come up with their own barn themes but are encouraged to use the Fair’s theme of “Fair-opoly”; educational exhibits are needed to get maximum points. There will be an awards presentation in the Stock Pavilion at Noon on Sunday, July 20th. Cash prizes will be given to the top 2 clubs/chapters in each species. Clubs/chapters that receive a 75 or above on their Herdsmanship scores will get a free ice cream coupon on Sunday to the Ag Chest or Jr. Leaders ice cream stand for each exhibitor in that species. Clubs/Chapters must participate in judging in order to be eligible for Herdsmanship Awards and coupons. This year, Clubs/Chapters are assigned an entire day to judge. If the scorecard is turned in on the same assigned day by 7:00 pm, an additional 3 points will be added to that species. This contest is a great friendly competition for our clubs/chapters to compete against each other while maintaining their exhibits in a neat and eye-appealing way for all fair-goers.

4-H Hotdog Stand

Sat. July 12, 10am-2pm

The Hotdog Stand supports 4-H Camp!
Green County Fairgrounds near Family Packet pick-up.

Cash ONLY!



Green County Fair

2025 Judging Schedule

Wednesday, July 9 - 5:30 pm

- Location: Bank of New Glarus Barn
- Check-in: 5 pm
 - D10 - Animal & Vet Science
 - D13 - Cats

Thursday, July 10 - 5:30 pm

- Location: Green Co. Justice Center
- Check-in: 5 pm
 - D26 - Jr. & Open Clothing

Saturday, July 12 - 8:30 pm

- Location: Green Co. Fairgrounds - Infield
- Check-in: 7-8 am
 - D6 - Horse & Pony

Saturday, July 12 - 9 am - 2 pm

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Face-to-face Judging
 - D16 - Natural Science
 - D17 - Youth Org. Childhood Prog.
 - D18 - Cultural Arts
 - D21 - Computers
 - D22 - Woodworking
 - D23 - Electricity
 - D24 - Mechanical Science
 - D27 - Knitting & Crocheting
 - D28 - Home Furnishings
 - D29 - Family & Child Development
 - D31 - Demonstrations & Commun.
 - D33 - Lead., Entrep., Serv. Learn., & Self-Determined
 - D34 - Health & Citizenship
- Location: Annex
 - D20 - Photography
- Location: Exhibition Hall
 - Check-in: 9-11 am; Judging: 2 pm
 - Open Class Items

Monday, July 14

- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Check-in: 8-10 am
- Judging: 10:30 am
 - D14 - Plant & Soil Science
 - D25 - Foods - BAKED
- Location: Exhibition Hall
- Face-to-face judging: 8-10 am
 - D15 - Flowers & Houseplants
 - D25 - Foods (Class I-P;U-W)

Tuesday, July 15 - 6:00 pm

- Location: Mayer Transport Show Barn
- D2 - Beef - PERFORMANCE Class

Wednesday, July 16

- 7:00 am - Green Co. Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D3 - Swine
- 8:30 am - Mayer Transport Show Barn
 - D101 - OPEN Dairy
- 12:00 pm - Mayer Transport Show Barn
 - D1- Jr. Dairy Showmanship & Club Herd

Thursday, July 17

- 8:00 am - Green Co. Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D7 - Poultry
- 8:30 am - Mayer Transport Show Barn
 - D1 - Dairy - Breeds Show
- 3:00 pm - Green Co. Farm Bureau & FS Stock Pavilion
 - D8 - Rabbits

Friday, July 18

- 8:00 am - Mayer Transport Show Barn
 - D2 - Beef
- 9:00 am - Sheep & Goat Barn
 - D5 - Goats
- 1:00 pm - Mayer Transport Show Barn
 - D4 - Sheep

Animal Department Check-in:

- Monday, July 14
 - Swine: Noon - 8 pm
- Tuesday, July 15
 - Dairy: 9 am - 3 pm
 - Beef: Noon - 3 pm
 - Sheep & Goats: 9-11 am
 - Poultry: 9 am - Noon
 - Rabbits: 12:30 pm - 4 pm

Exhibitor Packet Pick Up:

- Mon. - Fri., July 7-11: 8 am - 4 pm
- Thu., July 10: 8 am - 5:30 pm
- Sat., July 12: 9 am - 2 pm
- Mon. - Tue., July 14-15: 8 am - 4 pm

Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

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

JULY	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
4	<i>Independence Day—Extension Office Closed</i>			
10	DEADLINE: Camp Health Form & Expectations			Extension Office
11	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	5:00 PM		Fairgrounds—Youth-in-Action
13	4-H Games Day	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Fairgrounds—Infield
18	Premier Exhibitor Contest	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Fairgrounds—Stock Pavilion
19	Kids Day 4-H Promotion & Activity Booth	9:00 AM	Noon	Fairgrounds—Exhibition Hall
19	Master Showman Contest	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Fairgrounds—Barn #7
20	4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony	11:00 AM		Fairgrounds—Entertainment Tent
20	4-H Cake Auction	11:30 AM		Fairgrounds—Entertainment Tent
25-26	Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invite			Horicon Marsh Archers, WI
28	DEADLINE: 4-H Gymkhana & Expo Paperwork		4:30 PM	Extension Office
28	4-H Camp Orientation (Zoom)	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/2d74km
30	DEADLINE: 4-H Cloverbud Camp Registration			https://go.wisc.edu/hn29b0
30	DEADLINE: 4-H Kickball Tournament			https://go.wisc.edu/yow2rk
30	DEADLINE: 2026 Record Book Re-design Team			https://go.wisc.edu/1wmoh3
31	4-H Record Book Drop-in Zoom Hours	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/5068p1
AUG 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
3	4-H Camp Staff Training	4:30 PM	7:30 PM	Justice Center
6-9	4-H Base & Adventure Camps			Upham Woods—Wisconsin Dells
13	4-H Kickball Tournament	6:00 PM	8:15 PM	Twining Park, Monroe
16	4-H Cloverbud Camp	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Kiwanis Cabin, Monroe
18	4-H Shooting Sports Committee	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Justice Center
21	DEADLINE: Badger Mine Tour Registration			https://go.wisc.edu/6mpw37
24	Badger Mine & Museum Tour	2:00 PM		Shullsburg, WI
25	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Rooms 2-3, Justice Center
25	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	In-Person or Zoom
25	DEADLINES: 4-H Club Annual Financial Report and 4-H Record Book Compliance Report		9:00 PM	Extension Office
SEPT 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
6	WI 4-H Gymkhana			State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
12-14	WI 4-H Horse Expo			State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
OCT 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
5	Explore 4-H Day	Noon	2:30 PM	Green County Fairgrounds
5-11	National 4-H Week			

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: <http://greencounty4h.info>
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