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Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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October 15



Ellen Andrews

4-H Youth
Development Educator

Dear 4-H Families,

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

Exploring 4-H Day

Sunday, October 5, Noon-2:30pm, Green County Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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

National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2025

Celebrate 4-H while helping other youth find their spark in 4-H, by participating in several 4-H promotional opportunities during 4-H week (see page 6 for details).

- 4-H Club Promotion Display Contest (register by Oct. 6th at Noon)
- 4-H T-Shirt Day - Wed. Oct. 8

4-H New Family Orientation & Pizza Party

Thursday, November 20, 6:00-7:30pm, Justice Center Multipurpose Rooms

For our new 4-H families...get your 4-H experience off to a great start by joining us for this FREE event! Join us for a fun meal, followed by activities for the youth and an orientation for the parents. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the variety of opportunities available for your child in 4-H. To register for this event, please go to: <https://forms.gle/SRvoUHvjAk3X6MoPA>

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

Enrollment Instructions for the 2025 - 2026 4-H Year

2025-2026 4-H Enrollment will open September 8, 2025 online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Members may join at any time, but the primary enrollment period is September 8th – November 1st. Please follow links and QR codes in our [2025-2026 Green County 4-H Enrollment, Project and Policy Guide](#) to find [4HOnline Step-by-step instructions](#) on how to enroll.

- **Re-enrolling youth** must enroll by November 1st to be eligible for “Member-in-Good-Standing” requirements.
- **New 4-H members** must enroll by January 15th to be eligible for “Member-in-Good-Standing” requirements and be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Green County Fair.

NEW WI 4-H Project Guide: This new guide is designed to help youth, families, and volunteers identify sparks and explore those project areas. The newly defined project area categories will allow youth to explore a wide range of interests within each project, find more resources, and connect to learning opportunities.

Some project titles have stayed the same, like Creative Writing, Cloverbuds, Home Environment, Beef, Woodworking, Crops, and Geology. While other project titles will be new, like Welding, Taxidermy, Soil Science, Llamas/ Alpacas, Candy Making, Civic Engagement, and Visual Arts.

We encourage families to take some time to explore the new 4-H Project Guide before enrolling. Every family will be provided at your club meeting a printed copy of the quick guide as part of our [2025-2026 Green County 4-H Enrollment, Project and Policy Guide](#). Please note that the projects a youth selects in 4HOnline will dictate what communications your family will receive from 4-H staff and volunteers on project learning opportunities and events.

Membership Dues: In 2025-26, county dues for members, including Cloverbuds, are \$15.00* per member. There will not be membership dues for first year families. This covers accident insurance, promotion, recognition, leadership development, and some program costs. Even though members are enrolled online, payment for 4-H enrollment is still paid to the 4-H Club via check or cash.

*If the \$15.00 member dues create a financial burden that is a barrier to a family’s participation in 4-H, please contact your 4-H Club Organizational Leader and it can be waived.

Adult Leaders: We deeply appreciate all of the adults who are willing to volunteer their time to support 4-H member experiences. We are also always looking for new volunteers! Begin by enrolling in 4HOnline, and selecting the blue “Add Member” button. Every adult volunteer must go through a criminal background check every two years, complete the annually required online training, and have an initial New Volunteer meeting with the 4-H Educator.

Green County 4-H Program Policy can be found on pages 14 & 15 of your [Enrollment Guide](#). Please review these policies before enrolling or re-enrolling in 4-H.

New Family Corner

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

4-H Projects

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

What is a project?

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

- Expressive Arts
- Leadership and Community
- Family, Home & Health
- Agriculture and Animal Science
- Plant and Soil Science
- Environmental/Outdoor Education
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math



For grades K-2, we have a unique project designed just for them, called “Cloverbuds”. It is designed to provide age-appropriate learning through a variety of fun, hands-on, and engaging activities.

What learning opportunities are available?

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

What is a project leader?

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

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

Thank You!

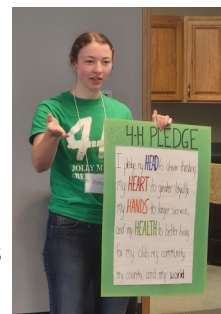
- To everyone that worked the Jr. Leaders Dairy Bar the week of fair and to those that spent hours setting up and tearing down. Without you, our food stand would not have been as successful as it was. A HUGE thank you to Deb Myers and her efforts. We are grateful to each and every one of you.
- To the 4-H families that enjoyed a meal at the Junior Leader food stand, we really appreciated your patronage.
- To all the parents and volunteers that assisted with the Premier Exhibitor Contest, from check-in to grading.
- To the Smith, Storkson, Leonhard/Shrader, Pomplun & McCoy families for hosting free 4-H promotion activities for kids on Saturday for the County Fair.
- To the Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Committee for their work to make the auction a success.
- To the Meat Animal Auction Committee for another successful auction. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- To our youth and adult staff who helped to put on 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods, including Mat Anderson, Elleanna Andrews, Milo Dickson, Althea Eckdhal, Connor Eckdhal, Ann Goers, Emily Goers, Peter Goers, Isabella Houston, Leah Houston, Padraic Houston, Laura Huff, Michelangelo O'Brien, Isabelle Rolli, Chris Smith, Mirielle Smith, and Eric Zilliox.
- To Mirielle Smith, Eric Zilliox and Taylor Hughes for assisting our 4-H Summer Intern in leading 4-H Cloverbud Camp at the Kiwanis Cabin.

Congratulations!

- To all 4-H youth who work hard throughout the year!
- To all Green County Fair and Wisconsin State Fair exhibitors on a job well done!
- To all graduating 4-H members: Abigail Biank, Alyssa Broge, Madilyn Brown, Blake Drafall, Sophia Gardner, Emily Goers, Padraic Houston, Kiera Indergand, Raevynn Jackson, Helaina Keehn, Alexis Miller, Ellie Modaff, Michelangelo O'Brien, Andrew Pulvermacher, Morgan Pulvermacher, Mackenzie Ruegsegger, Noah Rufer, Hope Ryan, Logan Schultz, Dalana Trumpy, Kylee Wahler, Noah Welhouse, & Kierra Zahradka!
- To our 4-H Key Award Winners: Abigail Biank, Emily Goers, & Skye Dickson!
- To Dennis & Mary Kaye Dorn, and the Green County Rifle Club for being the Friends of 4-H!
- To 4-H Volunteers of the Year — Eileen Horn & Liz Niemeier!
- To Barb Buetow, Laura Vosberg, and Jim & Cathy Crubaugh for being recognized for the 4-H Lifetime Volunteer Awards!

Thank you & Farewell, Alana!

Hello everyone! My time as the 2025 Extension Green County Summer Intern has come to a close. This summer I have coordinated events at the Green County Fair, such as Master Showman, Herdsmanship, and Premier Exhibitor, as well as 4-H lessons with the YMCA and Park and Rec youth. Two of my last events this summer were the Green County Kickball Tournament and Cloverbud Camp.



I would like to give a big thank you to all my fellow Extension coworkers for their expertise, humor, and feedback, to make my experience a great one! I would also like to thank the staff at the YMCA and Park and Rec for helping me during the 4-H lessons and allowing me to teach 4-H lessons to their youth.

I've enjoyed watching the youth from the YMCA and Park and Rec develop curiosity and express their creativity. Each youth had the opportunity to have an item displayed at the Green County Fair and be proud of the work they exhibited. Additionally, youth had the opportunity to strengthen their connection to 4-H by attending 4-H Base Camp at Upham Woods and Cloverbud Camp.

This summer has taught me many valuable lessons, such as organizational skills to reach deadlines, creative designing, lesson planning, and more! As a future teacher, the Summer Intern position gave me lots of opportunities to lead, teach, organize, create, and engage. I would strongly recommend youth and adults to become active in 4-H; there are so many wonderful ways to expand your knowledge and connect with others in the community!

Thank you for a great summer! Alana Durtschi

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H Meals on Wheels Service Project

This service project is designed to help our homebound friends and neighbors during the winter and holiday months.

Goals of this service project is to help youth learn about the needs of others in their community and to have an opportunity to participate in serving their community. Youth can get involved in this project by...

- **Food donations** (Preferred donation option) - Sign up to make a donation of foods in single-serving packages, by going to: <https://go.wisc.edu/wr09wg>
- **Monetary donations** - Checks should be made payable to "Green County 4-H Adult Leaders."

All donations (food & monetary) should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, November 7th at 4:30pm.

Box Assembly—Youth can help assemble the boxes on **Monday, November 17th, 6:00-6:30pm** at the new Government Services building, N3140 Hwy 81, Monroe (lower level). No need to register; just show up and help!

4-H Educational Travel Experiences & Scholarship Opportunities

WI 4-H offers youth in grades 6-12 many great educational travel experiences, plus Green County 4-H Adult Leaders offers scholarships to attend! Check out the 2026 list of opportunities below. Youth can apply and interview through either our FALL or SPRING 4-H Travel Scholarship application process, and earn a 25% 4-H Travel Scholarship to use towards any of these opportunities.

CWF & Ignite— Washington, DC

The new 4-H conference, open to youth in grades 10-12 has two options for participating...

CWF @ Ignite – March 24-29, 2026

A cornerstone leadership experience for teens passionate about civic engagement, public policy, and advocacy as pathways to community change. Participants will strengthen their understanding of the democratic process and cultivate leadership skills rooted in civic responsibility. The cost is \$2,800 per youth. Only 20 Wisconsin spots available. Registration will be through 4HOnline, September 8-29, 2025.

Ignite by 4-H – March 25-29, 2026

Delegates will have their choice of a Animal Science or STEM track. The Animal Science track is an immersive experience focused on the science and care of animals through hands-on learning in fields such as veterinary science, meat science and production, ranching, livestock management, and equine science. In the STEM track, teens will experience innovation in action through hands-on challenges in engineering, coding, robotics, and emerging technologies. The cost is \$2,800 per youth. Only 20 Wisconsin spots available.

For more info: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/ignite-by-4-h/>
Registration will be through 4HOnline, **September 8-29, 2025.**



Space Camp – Huntsville, Alabama

When: April/May 2026

Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin:

<https://bit.ly/Space-camp>

4-H members must be in 6th-8th grade at the time of the trip.



National 4-H Conference – Arlington, Virginia

When: April 2026

Only 4-5 youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this annual conference. Each participant selects an issue and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans that help direct future 4-H programming. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring. 4-H members must be in 10th-12th grade (maximum age of 18 as of Jan. 1, year of travel). For more information, see: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/>

Summer Academy — UW-Madison

When: June 14-18, 2026 (*tentative*)

This experience helps youth in 8th-11th grades explore career and hobby pathways in various fields like agriculture, STEM, leadership, arts, and more. While on campus, youth will stay in campus dorms, tour parts of campus, build friendship and participate in a variety of fun hands-on activities!

<https://go.wisc.edu/a24k59>

American Spirit – U.S. East Coast

When: June/July 2026

An opportunity for youth in grades 8-10 to immerse themselves in history and heritage through a 10-day bus journey to the East Coast and Canada, including visiting historical sites in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and more.

<https://go.wisc.edu/3bin1r>

National 4-H Congress — Atlanta, GA

When: Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2026

The premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers in 9th-12 grade to network with others from around the country, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Youth will participate in educational workshops, international events, community service, educational tours, the National 4-H Congress Gala, and explore the city.

<https://go.wisc.edu/c47g18>

Green County 4-H Travel Scholarships

Applicants must complete a cover letter, resume, essay and interview. We have a Fall and Spring round of applications and interviews. Youth can apply for a travel scholarship during either round, and use the scholarship towards any 2026 4-H Travel Experience. For 2025-2026 4-H year...

Fall application process

- Applications are due Monday, November 3rd
- Interviews are Wednesday, November 12th

Spring application process

- Applications are due Monday, March 16th
- Interviews are Wednesday, March 25th

Application packets are available on the Extension Green County website: <https://go.wisc.edu/uuiu9o>

Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

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

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Executive Board—Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:15 PM
- Executive Board—Monday, November 3, 2025, 6:15 PM
- Adult Leaders—Monday, November 3, 2025, from 7:30 - 9:00 PM, via Zoom ONLY (register at <https://go.wisc.edu/c141tr>)

4-H Fall Forum

When: October 31, 2025—November 2, 2025

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake WI

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

Come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning. Registration in 4HOnline will open in early September; must be re-enrolled first (contact Ellen to request enrollment approval).

More info at: <http://go.wisc.edu/4hfallforum>

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

- **Youth**—(7th-13th grade) the first 10 youth who register will have registration & lodging (triple/quadruple) costs covered by the Green County 4-H Adult Leaders budget.
- **Adult**—Unlimited adults can attend, with 100% registration & lodging (triple/quadruple) costs covered by the 4-H Adult Leaders' Huber Endowment fund.

4-H County Committees Need Parents, Volunteers & Older Youth

Green County 4-H has several standing committees that are very important in supporting our 4-H program. Having adult and older youth volunteers willing to serve on these committees is critical! The committees typically meet just 2-4 times per year. *NEW in 2025...*

- Committee terms will be only 1 & 2 years in length
- Adult do not have to be enrolled to serve on a committee

Please consider nominating yourself for a position on any of these committees. Self-nominations are **due September 24** at: <https://go.wisc.edu/h3v013>. Elections for adult committee members will be held via an online ballot send to 2024-2025 approved adult volunteers.

- **4-H Cloverbud Committee**—help plan and lead 3-5 events per year for members in 5K-2nd grade.
- **4-H Recognition Committee**—help implement the 4-H Record Book process, as well as contributing to other efforts to recognize members and leaders.
- **4-H Promotion Committee**—help plan and lead efforts to promote 4-H in the community.

If you have any questions about these committees, please reach out to ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.

4-H Club Leadership Team Training

Tuesday, November 11 from 6:30-8:00pm

Multipurpose rooms, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

This training is for all 4-H Club Organizational Leaders and all 4-H Club Officers (or prospective club officers). We will be working together as teams of youth and adults to make the best 4-H club experiences even better. A simple supper will be provided. Pre-register by Nov. 5th by calling the Extension Office or online at: <https://forms.gle/YYbdD2C9tZ98ZtUD9>

4-H Record Books

Record Book Re-Design Process Update

A committee of invested adults and older youth have come together to re-designing the 4-H Record Book forms to be more feasible and developmentally appropriate for EACH member, while providing opportunities for meaningful reflection and possible recognition for all members.



Initial conversations seem to indicate that this committee might recommend to sunset the existing county, minimal and club Record Book options, and replace them with streamlined Record Book options specifically for 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade and 9th grade and older. The Cloverbud book will also be updated to better align with the new Record Book series.

The intention is to have all Record Book forms finalized and posted on the website by January 1st. If you are interested in joining this committee and helping with this re-design work, please email ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.



Record Book Review Days

This year all of our 4-H County Record Books will be read and evaluated in just three nights: Sept. 16, 22 and 24. Every 4-H club is asked to provide multiple adults to evaluate books. Adults do NOT have to have past Record Book experience. Each record book will be evaluated by at least two people, so many volunteers will be needed. Please mark your calendar and sign up to help using the following link: <https://go.wisc.edu/t8c2e9>

- Tuesday, Sept. 16 – 6:00-9:00 PM
- Monday, Sept. 22 – 6:00-9:00 PM
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 – 6:00-9:00 PM

Cloverbud Record Books will be reviewed on Monday, Sept. 22 beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 1. **We are looking for youth in 7th grade and older** to help with Cloverbud Record Book reviews again this year. Please sign up to help using the following link: <https://go.wisc.edu/y4st47>

4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, November 15, 2025

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Rooms 1-3, Green County Justice Center, Monroe

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

National 4-H Week: Oct. 5-11, 2025

4-H Week Theme: **Beyond Ready**

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

4-H Week messaging:

- Beyond Ready: Go Green
- Beyond Ready: 4-H For Good



4-H T-Shirt Day: Oct. 8

Let's show Green County our 4-H Pride by all wearing a 4-H T-shirt OR a green shirt to school or work on Wednesday, October 8! If you share your picture on Facebook, be sure to use the hashtag: #greencounty4hweek2025

4-H Week Promotion Display Contest

4-H clubs are again invited to decorate business windows or put up displays in schools and libraries to promote Green County 4-H during National 4-H Week. Window displays should be in place **Saturday, October 5 through Sunday, October 13**. The 4-H Promotional display will be judged on creativity, neatness, educational value, visibility and overall promotional effectiveness. Prizes are 1st place - \$25, 2nd place - \$20, 3rd place - \$15 and Honorable mention - \$10. Plus new this year, there will be an additional \$25 prize for the "Fan Favorite" on our Facebook page. Brochures are available at the Extension office. Please reach out to the Extension Office for other materials you may need to make your display. To register your club's display for the contest, please submit the following information to swileman@wisc.edu by Monday, October 6 at Noon:

- 4-H Club and contact person
- Site of Display (Name & Address)
- *PLUS, two pictures...*
 - 1 picture of just the display, AND
 - 1 of the group who worked on the display

Organizational Leader Reminders

- Dues are paid to the 4-H club and the club will write ONE CHECK payable to "Green County Extension" for members of returning families in the club. There will not be membership dues for first year families or adult volunteers. Club dues are to be turned in to the Extension office by **December 1st**.
- This year all of our 4-H County Record Books will be read and evaluated in just three nights: Sept. 16, 22, and 24. Every 4-H club is asked to provide three adult volunteers to evaluate books. See page 5.

- Green County Livestock Auction Financial Records are due by 4:30 PM on October 1st to the Extension Office. This form must be completed from youth who auctioned in 2025 and are planning to auction in 2026. ***It is the responsibility of each individual family to turn in their own paperwork to the Extension office by the deadline. Auction Records are NOT to be accepted by 4-H Leaders or FFA Advisors!***
- 4-H Club Charters are due by **November 1**. Directions and a link to the online application form are online at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>.
- 4-H Club Leadership Team Training will be held on Tuesday, November 11 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Green County Justice Center multipurpose rooms. All clubs are expected to have a team of older youth and adults attend this training. All attendees are asked to please RSVP.

Cloverbud Corner

4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun Night

Friday, October 24th, 6:00-7:15 pm.

Multipurpose rooms, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
Kick off the 4-H Year with some 4-H fall fun specifically designed for our youngest 4-H members (5K-2nd grade). Check-in will be 5:45-5:55pm, with pick-up at 7:15pm. Adult and older youth helpers are needed to assist with this program. If you or a member of your family would be interested in assisting, please indicate so on the registration form. Register by Tuesday, October 21st at: <https://forms.gle/sTDbWtJLts9ysV69A>



Natural Sciences

Shooting Sports Leaders Needed

Are you interested in becoming a shooting sports leader? To become a 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer, you must become a 4-H enrolled leader and complete both the National 4-H Shooting Sports online training and an 8 hour certification workshop.

Register by noon on September 12th to attend the leader certification training workshop in Marshfield, WI.

- Saturday, September 13th from 8:00am—5:00pm
Volunteers planning to be shooting sports 4-H Leaders and current 4-H leaders may attend this workshop.

For more information, and registration details, see: <https://bit.ly/shootingsportsworkshop>

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

Land Judging Contest

The annual Green County Land Judging contest will be Wednesday, September 10. There is no fee to participate. Registration will begin at 8:30 at the USDA Service Center, 1627 4th Ave West, Monroe. We will proceed to the pits at 9:00 AM. Awards to be handed out at the site.

The Southwest land judging contest will be held in Green County on Wednesday, September 24. There is no fee to participate. This contest is co-hosted by Grant, Lafayette, and Green County Land and Water Conservation Departments. We will be meeting at Liberty Pole Park, N8810 Amidon Road, Brooklyn. Check in will start at 8:30 AM and will leave for the site at 9:00 AM. Awards following at the judging site.

The state contest will be held at UW-Platteville on Wednesday, October 8. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Go to the Wisconsin FFA website for more information and to register. There is a fee for this event.

Mechanical Sciences

Green County Model Railroad Show & Swap

Are you thinking about building a farm display or diorama for a future 4-H fair entry or school project? Maybe you would like to see a variety of model displays and talk to experienced modelers to learn about their modeling techniques or to get ideas. The Green County Model Railroaders will hold their 47th annual model train show and swap meet on September 27th & 28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Stateline Ice and Community Expo, 1632 4th Avenue West in Monroe. This is a great opportunity to get new ideas or pick up supplies for your next modeling project.

Animal Science

Dairy

National 4-H Dairy Conference – Madison, WI

When: September 28, 2025—October 1, 2025

This 4-day conference is for students ages 15-18 years old who are eager to learn more about the dairy industry and creating connections with others within the dairy industry. Students will go on farm tours, industry-focused tours, listen to speakers, and attend World Dairy Expo.

Registration Information: Registrations for teen conference delegates and chaperones are due by Sept. 8, 2025. The registration fee for 2025 is \$700/person*. There may be an opportunity to still attend if there isn't a chaperone coming from your area. To register or for more information, please visit: <https://national4hdairyconference.org/>

*Partial scholarship funding may be available from the Green County 4-H Dairy Education Fund. Please contact Ellen Andrews to inquire about funding.



NATIONAL 4-H
DAIRY CONFERENCE

Horse & Pony

Horse High Point Form Deadline

If you've participated in the Horse High Point this past year, please turn in your completed [High Point form](#) to the Extension office NO LATER than 4:30 PM on December 1st.

4-H Horse Committee Meetings

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

- **Tuesday, October 14, 2025—6:00-7:30pm**, in Room 1 of the Justice Center (2841-6th Street, Monroe)

All horse project members, parents and adult leaders are welcome to attend! Not available on October 14th, but interest in being involved on the committee? Please email ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.



Rabbits

4-H Rabbit Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 6th, at 9:30am

Justice Center, Room 1 or via Zoom

Are you interested in helping to plan fun, educational 4-H Rabbit workshops and events for Green County 4-H

members? Join our 4-H Rabbit Committee and have a chance for input and leadership on

what we do in the 4-H Rabbit Project. Youth and adults welcome on this committee. Can't make the meeting in-person? Join us via Zoom by registering at: <https://go.wisc.edu/2caiv6>. Not available on September 6th, but

interest in being involved on the committee? Please email ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.



Youth Animal Auctions

Livestock Auction Financial Forms

[Auction Financial Forms](#) are due by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, October 1st to the Extension office. This form must be completed from youth who auctioned in 2025 and are planning to auction in 2026. It is the responsibility of each individual family, not their 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor, to turn in their Auction Form to the Extension office by the deadline.

GREEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION



Green County Fair

2026 Green County Fair Dates & Theme

July 15-19, 2026—Marti Gras

2025 Green County Junior Fair Results

Posted at: <https://greencountyfair.net/junior-class/>

Shooting Sports— 4-H Master Shooters

Senior Award: Chase Wenzel, Decatur

Reserve Senior Award: Simon Moore, Decatur

Intermediate Award: Malcom Moore, Decatur

Reserve Intermediate Award: Adelynn Monson, Jolly Mixers

Novice Award: Chase Monson, Jolly Mixers

Reserve Novice Award: Max Wenzel, Decatur

Beginner Award: Grant Brugger, Young Americans

Reserve Beginner Award: Kaleb Pilz, Washington Center

Premier Exhibitor Results

Platinum:

Grand: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers

Reserve: Brooke Mueller, Decatur

Dairy:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Sophie Houlberg, Jolly Mixers
- 2nd Place: Hailey Ula, Cheese Country Clovers
- 3rd Place: Ivy Haffner, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Grace Gold, Next Generation
- 2nd Place: Abigail Withrow, Decatur
- 3rd Place: Alyssa Broge, Black Hawk FFA

Beef:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Lena Nyhus, New Glarus FFA
- 2nd Place: Zoie Donovan, Young Americans
- 3rd Place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Sadie Wilkins, Monticello FFA
- 2nd Place: Benson Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers
- 3rd Place: Annabelle Curl, New Glarus FFA

Swine:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Avriel Hosch, Juda FFA
- 2nd Place: Owen Larson, Decatur
- 3rd Place: Lane Kuebli, Jolly Mixers

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Karlee Wilkins, Monticello FFA
- 2nd Place: Chase Wenzel, Decatur
- 3rd Place: Phoenix Homan, Juda Jolly Juniors

Sheep:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Paige Zimmerman, Next Generation
- 2nd Place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center
- 3rd Place: Hazel Christen, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Kennedy Zimmerman, Next Generation
- 2nd Place: Ty Durtschi, Jolly Mixers
- 3rd Place: Jenna Pinnow, Brodhead FFA

Goats:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Violet Pulver, Young Americans
- 2nd Place: Braxton Boeke, Juda Jolly Juniors
- 3rd Place: Kaleb Piz, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: SadieJo Flanagan, Washington Center
- 2nd Place: Rebecca Froseth, Clarno
- 3rd Place: Bryant Froseth, Clarno

Poultry:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Tayla Shrader, Jolly Mixers
- 2nd Place: Ava Anderson, Young Americans
- 3rd Place: Jordan Luedtke, Washington Center

Senior Division:

- 1st Place: Kiera Brunner, Black Hawk FFA

Rabbits:

Junior Division

- 1st Place: Elena Boss, Cheese Country Clovers
- 2nd Place: Clara Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers
- 3rd Place: Remington Zilliox, Washington Center

Senior Division

- 1st Place: Emily Goers, Washington Center
- 2nd Place: Peter Goers, Washington Center
- 3rd Place: Leilah King, Brodhead FFA

Herdsmanship Results

Dairy Small Herd: 1st – Cheese Country Clovers, 2nd – Blackhawk FFA

Dairy Large Herd: 1st – Juda Jolly Juniors, 2nd – New Glarus 4-H

Beef: 1st – Browntown Busy Beavers, 2nd – Decatur

Swine Small Herd: 1st – Cheese Country Clovers, 2nd – Young Americans

Swine Large Herd: 1st – Decatur, 2nd – Juda Jolly Juniors

Sheep: 1st – Jolly Mixers, 2nd – Clarno

Goats: 1st – Jolly Mixers, 2nd – Juda FFA

Rabbits: 1st – Washington Center, 2nd – Cheese Country Clovers

Master Showman Results

2025 Master Showman: Brooke Mueller, Decatur 4-H

2025 Reserve Master Showman: Taylor Svendsen, Dougherty Creek 4-H

2025 Master Showman Participants:

Dairy: Brooke Mueller & Raevynn Jackson-Hoesly

Beef: Sadie Wilkins & Johnna Blum

Swine: Wyatt Steiner & Karlee Wilkins

Sheep: Taylor Svendsen & Katelynn Jorenby

Goats: Bryant Froseth & Chloe Pulver

Poultry: Alyssa Broge **Rabbits:** Emily Goers

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. Check your email for weather updates.

SEP 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	<i>Labor Day—Extension Office Closed</i>			
3	4-H Foods Committee Meeting	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
3	4-H Record Book Re-Design Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
6	4-H Rabbit Committee Meeting	9:30 AM		Room 1 or Via Zoom
8	4-H Enrollment Opens			http://v2.4honline.com
15	4-H Audit Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
16	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
22	Cloverbud Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
22	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Rooms 1, 2 & 3, Justice Center
24	Record Book Reviews	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Rooms 2 & 3, Justice Center
24	DEADLINE 4-H County Committee Nomination		11:59 PM	https://go.wisc.edu/h3v013
OCT 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Auction Financial Record		4:30 PM	Extension Office
5	Explore 4-H Day	12:00 PM	2:30 PM	Green County Fairgrounds
5-11	National 4-H Week			
6	4-H Executive Board	6:15 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
6	DEADLINE Window Display Registration		12:00 PM	swileman@wisc.edu
8	National 4-H T-shirt Day!			
14	Horse Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
21	DEADLINE Cloverbud Fall Fun Night Registration		11:59 PM	https://forms.gle/STDbWtJLts9ysV69A
24	4-H Cloverbud Fall Fun Day	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
31—Nov. 2	4-H Fall Forum			Green Lake Conference Center
NOV 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE 4-H Club/Group Charters			Online link, see article
1	DEADLINE Enrollment closes for returning members & leaders		11:59 PM	https://wi.4honline.com
3	DEADLINE Travel Scholarship Applications		4:30PM	Extension Office
3	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM		Zoom only
3	4-H Adult Leaders Meeting	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Zoom only
5	DEADLINE Club Leadership Team Training Reg.		11:59 PM	https://forms.gle/YYbdD2C9tZ98ZtUD9
7	DEADLINE Meals on Wheels Donations		4:30 PM	Extension Office
11	4-H Club Leadership Team Training	6:45 PM	8:15 PM	Room 1-3, Justice Center
12	Fall 4-H Travel Scholarship Interviews	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Ext Office Conference Rooms
15	4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
17	DEADLINE New Family Orientation Registration		11:59 PM	

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

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