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Your 4-H Family Newsletter

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Next Alphorn Deadline:
December 15



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Welcome to the 2025-2026 4-H year! We are excited to have you involved in Green County 4-H. Here are some helpful hints for getting your 4-H year off to a great start...

Review 4-H policies including Green County 4-H Program policies as part of the 2025-2026 4-H Enrollment Guide (www.greencounty4h.info), and your 4-H Club policies. All Green County 4-H members in 3rd grade and older who wish to represent 4-H at the 2026 Green County Fair must:

- Enroll by the deadline (Re-enrolling: Nov. 1st; *New family enrollment: Jan. 15th*).
- **Attend at least four (4) 4-H meetings, events or workshops, between September 1, 2025 and April 21, 2026, with at least two (2) being 4-H club meetings.**
 - If you attend a county 4-H meeting, event, or workshop that you would like to count towards this attendance requirement, it is the responsibility of the member and family to notify the 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
 - Members who have graduated from high school and who are enrolled in post-high school educational opportunities outside the area, will be waived from this requirement. However, when home, these members should make every effort to attend scheduled project and club meetings.
- Pay membership dues, unless requesting financial waiver (*returning families only*).
- Have completed a 4-H Record Book (either County, Club or Minimal level record book) in the 2024-2025 4-H year (*returning members 4th grade and older only*).

Finalize your 4-H Project selections - 4-H projects are the learning topics you select in 4HOnline, like Photography, Woodworking, Archery, Rabbits, and 60+ other learning topics. 4-H members are encouraged to finalize their project selections by at least January 15th (or by early December for Beef & Shooting Sports projects). **To add any 4-H projects, please email swileman@wisc.edu.** Your project selections determine what emails and mailings you receive regarding project learning opportunities and reminders.

Stay connected with 4-H communications! You can keep up-to-date on all sorts of upcoming 4-H opportunities, as well as various deadlines by checking...

- 4-H Newsletter - bi-monthly and distributed (mail & email) in the odd months, and online: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news/>.
- Email - Please make sure that 4HOnline has your correct family and individual email addresses and that your email server is accepting these emails.
- Facebook - Like, follow, comment, and share our Green County 4-H UW-Extension Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/greencounty4huwex/>).

If you have any questions regarding these helpful hints or anything in the Green County 4-H program, please feel free to contact the Extension office.

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

New Family Corner

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

What is a 4-H Project?

A project is simply a topic area that sparks a youth's interest! 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.

Projects can be offered at a club or group setting, or on your own outside of the club. 4-H members are encouraged to enroll in only one or two projects for their first year. 4-H members in 3rd grade and higher are eligible to sign up for any 4-H project.

For our 4-H members in 5K-2nd grade, their one 4-H Project is the "Cloverbud Project." This project is designed to meet the needs of this unique age group while having fun with hands-on, engaging activities. By the time youth are finished with 2nd grade and are entering 3rd grade, they have a better idea of what interests them in 4-H, because they have already tried a variety of activities.

What resources are available? Each 4-H project differs in how learning opportunities are offered, depending on adult volunteer support. Some projects offer countywide workshops (i.e. cats, horses, geology and shooting sports). Some 4-H clubs may also have adults specifically devoted to certain project areas. Sometimes that state 4-H program also offers virtual learning opportunities. More details about specific 4-H projects and statewide project learning opportunities can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>.

What if the county or club doesn't offer a project?

Anywhere can be a great place for project learning where a trusted adult or older youth serves as the teacher. Project curriculum is available for many of the projects from www.shop4-h.org or the Green County Extension office.



To learn more about 4-H Projects and how to help your kids pick a project, please check out our 2-page "Exploring 4-H for New Families" newsletter at: <https://bit.ly/NFNProjects>.

"4-H Projects" is a very timely topic. If you need to add to or change any of your child's 4-H projects, please email the changes to Samantha at swileman@wisc.edu. For a list of 4-H Projects available, please see our "2025-2026 Green County 4-H Enrollment, Project & Policy Guide" available at: www.greencounty4h.info.

The key way to find out about these learning opportunities is in our bi-monthly "Alphorn" 4-H Newsletter, and by also liking and following our Green County 4-H Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/greencounty4huwex>).

Thank You!

- To Jamison, Mirielle and Dawn Smith and Peter and Ann Goers for attending Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum as our Green County 4-H delegation!
- To all of the 4-H clubs that submitted photos, quotes, and articles for National 4-H Week press coverage!
- To all who helped with record book reading: Ann Goers, Amy Christen, Linda Christen, Michelle Monson, Cathy Crubaugh, Janet Kruse, Laura Voberg, Katy Dickson, Val Deal, Christine Tabaka, Linnea Tabaka, Sarah Johanson, Taylor Hughes, Lane Luckey, Chris Smith, Marci Boss, Bobbi Florence, Serena McCoy, Jaclyn Miller, Eileen Horn, Mirielle Smith, Jamison Smith, Carmen Strohecker & Ellie Johanson. Thanks to Tyler Sievers for the Chrome books.
- To Meghan Sievers and Taylor Hughes who planned Cloverbud Fall Fun Night in October, and all the youth and parents who helped with the event.
- To the members and volunteers who helped at Explore 4-H Day: Bryan, Desiree, Elijah & Isaac Bochman, Micki Andrews, Eileen Horn, Tamara Brinkley, Peter Berstein, Simon Larson, Ryan Helgestad, Hope & Rose Lafrance, Sharon Stowers, Adelynn, Brielle, Chase, Delaney, Michelle & Justin Monson, Attica Leopold, Elena Boss, Joclyn Watson, Brooke Berndt, Chris, Dawn, Jamison, Marc, & Mirielle Smith, Eric, Kari, & Remington Zilliox.

Congratulations!

- To Ellie Modaff, on being selected as a 2025 James W Crowley Dairy Leadership Awardee, plus top 14 finish.
- To Leilah King & Madison Melvin for representing Green County at the State 4-H Horse Expo (see pg 5 for results).
- To Chloe Pulver, Violet Pulver, Leilah King, Hailey Rasmussen, Kloe Jordan, Rebecca Froseth, Layla Fry, and Madison Melvin for representing Green County 4-H at the State Gymkhana Horse Show (see pg 5 for results)..
- To our National 4-H Week window display winners!
 - 1st place—Washington Center
 - 2nd place—York
 - 3rd place—Clarence Bridge Pioneers
 - Fan Favorite—Next Generation
 - Honorable Mention—Dougherty Creek
 - Honorable Mention—Jolly Mixers

Organizational Leader Reminders

- Please continue to recruit new volunteers! To begin the process, all prospective adult volunteers need to first enroll in 4HOnline, which will trigger communication regarding the required background check and training.
- Member dues for the 2025-2026 4-H year are \$15.00 per member, including Cloverbuds. Invoices will be emailed to club leaders in early November. The deadline for clubs to pay enrollment dues is **December 1, 2025**. Please write checks payable to "**Green County UW-Extension.**"
- Encourage your club secretary or reporter to send meeting highlights (50-100 word limit), plus pictures, to swileman@wisc.edu to be included in the Alphorn or Green County 4-H Facebook page.

4-H Member Opportunities

4-H New Family Orientation & Pizza Party!

Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Multipurpose Rooms, Green County Justice Center, Monroe
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. Register by Monday, November 17th: <https://forms.gle/SRvoUHVjAk3X6MoPA>.



4-H Thriving Survey

Deadline: December 5th
4-H Thriving Survey -- Check your email inbox (the one you use with 4H Online) for your link to the Wisconsin 4-H Thriving Survey! The results will help us improve the 4-H program and communicate how 4-H helps young people. The survey will be sent to 4-H members ages 13-18 by email in the first week of November and reminders will be sent as well. The emails come from Josset Gauley and are entitled "4-H Youth Survey". **The survey link will be open until December 5th.** Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card. Fill out the survey to help Green County achieve a 30% response rate.

4-H Distance Learning Opportunities

This year Wisconsin 4-H is offering 3 distance learning programs. These programs are FREE to register in 4HOnline. Families can choose to purchase the corresponding \$5 kit or curriculum, or gather and purchase materials on their own.

- **4-H Discovery Kit** for youth in grades 5K-2. Kits will be distributed through the counties and four Zoom sessions will be offered in January and February.
- **Design Your Landscape** for youth in grades 3-8. Kit will be distributed through the counties and three Zoom sessions will be offered in January and February.
- **Exploring Careers in Agriculture Program** for youth in grades 7-10. Curriculum distributed through the counties and three Zoom sessions in February and March.

Registration deadline is November 16. For more details, go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-distance-learning/>.

4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 1:00pm
Green County Justice Center, Monroe
This countywide contest offers all 4-H youth (Cloverbuds – 13th grade) opportunities to participate in Speaking and Demonstration events! Recite a poem, read a story, teach us how to make a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, and so much more!!! See the flyer on page 6 for more info. Register **by February 17th** at: <https://go.wisc.edu/hnh7a4>.



Youth & Adult Leader Opportunities

Record Book Re-Design Process Update

A committee of interested adults and older youth have come together to re-designing the 4-H Record Book forms to be more friendly and developmentally appropriate for members, while providing opportunities for meaningful reflection and possible recognition for all members. A key goal has been to focus on quality over quantity of project records. The draft Record Book proposals offer separate records books for 5K-2nd grader, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade and High School. In November committee is activity seeking feedback on these draft proposals from leaders, youth and family members by sharing the forms at the following meetings:

- 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting, Nov. 3
- 4-H Club Leadership Team Training, Nov. 11—*come for the training, stay for the ice cream & record books*
- 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting, Nov. 19th (*tentative*)

Come! Get involved! Give feedback! You can even still join the committee in their next step of taking all of the feedback, and use it improve and to finalize the Record Book forms. The next 4-H Record Book Revision Committee meeting will be **Monday, November 24th, 6:30-8:00pm** in Room 1 at the Justice Center. Join us! The intention is to have all Record Book forms finalized and on the website by January 1st.

4-H Junior Leaders Meetings

Upcoming Junior Leaders meeting dates:

- Wednesday, November 19th, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
NEW—Meetings will be held at the Monroe Public Library (925 16th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566)

4-H Adult Leader Meetings

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

Upcoming Adult Leaders meeting dates:

- Monday, Nov 3 @ 6:15pm—4-H Executive Brd Mtg
- Monday, Nov 3 @ 7:30pm—4-H Adult Leaders Mtg—
Zoom Only link: <https://go.wisc.edu/c141tr>
- Monday, January 5 @ 6:15pm - 4-H Executive Brd Mtg
- Monday, Feb 2 @ 6:15pm—4-H Executive Brd Mtg
- Monday, Feb 2 @ 7:30pm—4-H Adult Leaders Mtg—
Zoom Only link: <https://go.wisc.edu/973ph9>

4-H Financials Training

The 4-H Club Treasurer position is a youth position, but also requires a high level of adult support. It is critical that adult leaders and parents supporting youth treasurers understand 4-H financial expectations for handling and managing 4-H funds. Adult supporting youth treasurers, are encouraged to attend our **annual 4-H Financial Training, on Thursday, November 6th, from 7:00-7:45pm via Zoom.** Older youth treasurers are also welcome to attend! Register for the Zoom link by going to: <https://go.wisc.edu/1v1dq1>.

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 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
 - Adults 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 November 30** at: <https://go.wisc.edu/h3v013>. Elections for adult committee members will be held via an online ballot send to 2025-2026 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 Performing Arts Committee

Do you like performing? If you do, then you should join the Performing Arts Committee! We lead the Art in the Park day, activities such as games, skits, storytelling and musical instruments like Boomwhackers. Every year in June, we organize a talent show in which any 4-H youth can participate. If you want to join our committee, contact us at performing.arts.committee.gco@gmail.com.

Arts & Communication

State Arts Ambassadors

This year all State Arts Team members will be part of the **Wisconsin State 4-H Arts Ambassadors**. Arts Ambassadors will learn about leadership and how to promote the 4-H Expressive Arts, while still getting to focus on your art spark. *Drama, Visual Arts or Comm/Media*. Any active 4-H member in Gr. 9-13 is eligible to apply. Applications will be open November 1—December 15. More information can be found at: <https://go.wisc.edu/2z9bnc>



Natural Sciences

Shooting Sports Registration Coming Soon!

Watch your email and mail box in early December for the 4-H Shooting Sports newsletter and registration materials. This information will go out to anyone signed up for Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle or Shotgun. If you would like to add any of these projects to your 4HOnline account, please email swileman@wisc.edu.

Shooting Sports Open House & Deadlines

Mark your calendars now for the 4-H Shooting Sports Open House, **Tuesday, December 30, 2025, 5:30-7:00pm** at the Green County Justice Center (2841 6th St. Monroe) in the Multipurpose Rooms in the lower level. Stop in anytime during this open house to talk with Shooting Sports leaders and turn in shooting sports paperwork and fees. If you can't make the Open House, the shooting sports paperwork and fees preferred deadline **will be Friday, January 2nd**. There will be a late paperwork and fees deadline of January 9th, with an additional \$5 late fee per member (fee only waived for 1st year 4-H families). NO paperwork or fees will be accepted after this deadline.

Animal Science

YQCA Certification

In 2026, 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.

Three types of trainings are being offered in 2026:

- **Option A—Web-Based Training**—Curriculum is tailored to an exhibitor's age and available 24/7 for your convenience. Includes three interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. It is \$12 per person, per year, and must be paid online.
- **Option B—Test-Out Option**—Youth ages 12 (\$36), 15 (\$48), and 19 (\$36) may choose the test-out option. Youth must score 80% or better and you will only be charged if you pass the test. If you 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 and pay online at least 24 hours in advance, BEFORE attending the training. Exhibitors need to arrive at least 10 minute sin advance of the session to check-in and MUST stay the full 60 minutes. Cost is \$3 per person, per year. Exhibitors ages 19-21, as of December 31, 2025, must take the Web-Based Training. There will be two in-county training dates or you can go to a neighboring county.
 - Monday, Dec. 29
 - March/April Date—To be announced

For more details, visit: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/youth-quality-care-of-animals-certification/>.

Beef

Beef Weigh-In

The Weigh-In date for the 2026 Green County Fair has been scheduled for Sat, December 27, 2025 from 8:00 - 10:00 AM at Equity Livestock, Monroe. Market lot options include grade, cross, registered, and dairy steers and market heifers.



Horse & Pony

State 4-H Horse Expo Results

Leilah King and Madison Melvin represented Green County 4-H at the 2025 State 4-H Horse Expo at the WI State Fairgrounds in West Allis, Wis.

Leilah King

- 3rd—Pony S Seat/Hunt Pleas, Grades 6—13
- 4th—Pony S Seat/Hunt Eq, Grades 6—13
- 6th—Pony Western Showmanship, Grades 6-13
- 3rd—Pony SS/Hunt Showmanship, Grades 6-13
- 4th—Pony Western Pleas, Grades 6-13
- 4th—Pony Stock Eq, Grades 6-13
- 4th—Trail, Grade 11
- 5th—In-Hand Trail, Grade 11

Madison Melvin

- 5th—Hunt/Saddle Seat Pl, Grade 10
- 7th—Hunt/Saddle Seat Eq, Grade 10
- 2nd—Western Pleasure, Grade 10
- 7th—Stock Seat Eq, Grade 10
- 7th—Trail, Grade 10

Congratulations to these exhibitors for their hard work!

State 4-H Gymkhana Results

Chloe Pulver, Violet Pulver, Ruby Pulver, Leilah King, Hailey Rasmussen, Rebecca Froseth, Madison Melvin, Layla Fry, and Kloe Jordan all attended the State Gymkhana competition. The results are listed below.

Rebecca Froseth

- 10th—Poles, Grade 9, 10th—Barrels, Grade 9
- 9th—Plug, Grade 9, 6th—LT Special, Grade 9, 9th—Key Race, Grade 9

Layla Fry

- 8th—Poles—Grade 11, 9th—Barrels, Grade 11. 6th—Flag Race, Grade 11, 8th—Plug, Grade 11, 8th—Key Race, Grade 11

Kloe Jordan

- 2nd—Poles, Grade 10, 2nd—Barrels, Grade 10,
- 3rd—Plug, Grade 10, 3rd—LT Special, Grade 10, 4th—Key Race, Grade 10

Leilah King

- 4th—Barrels, Grade 11, 2nd—Flag Race, Grade 11, 7th—Plug, Grade 11, 7th—LT Special, Grade 11, 5th—Key Race, Grade 11

Madison Melvin

- 14th—Poles, Grade 10, 15th—Barrels, Grade 10,
- 6th—Flag Race, Grade 10, 13th—Plug, Grade 10

Chloe Pulver

- 1st—Poles, Grade 11, 3rd—Barrels, Grade 11
- 2nd—Plug, Grade 11, 2nd—LT Special, Grade 11
- 2nd—Key Race, Grade 11

Violet Pulver

- 3rd—Poles, Grade 6 & 7, 4th—Barrels, Grade 6 & 7
- 6th—Plug, Grade 6 & 7,
- 4th—LT Special, Grade 6 & 7, 5th—Key Race, Grade 6 & 7

Hailey Rasmussen

- 1st—Poles, Grade 8, 4th—Barrels, Grade 8
- 13th—Plug, Grade 8, 2nd—Key Race, Grade 8

Congratulations to all of our exhibitors for their hard work and impressive results!

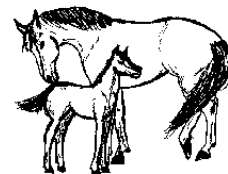
Horse Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Room 1 at the Justice Center

What clinics should we have? Do you want a fun show? Should we have a High Point contest? Would you like a horse craft or photography workshop? How much will be our Horse Dues be this year? Any thing is possible...if we have enough adult and youth leaders willing to plan and lead it! Come! Join! Help! For minutes, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/1fb337>



Rabbit Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 23, 2025

7:15 - 8:15 PM via Zoom—

<https://go.wisc.edu/ig3hhl>

Are you passionate about the 4-H Rabbit project, and want to help plan fun 4-H rabbit workshops and events? This is a youth driven committee, where youth are supported by adults to plan and lead. Interested in participating? Join us for the next Zoom. Copies are meeting minutes are at: <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/rabbits/>.



4-H Club Happenings

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

Next Generation 4-H Club

The members of the Next Generation 4-H put their annual window display up at Burington Shoes. They are so grateful to her continued generosity.

Dayton Dairylanders 4-H Club

For our October 13th meeting our activity was to decorate pumpkins, we have gifted our painted pumpkins to the local senior senator. Here our just a few of the amazing pumpkins and people we had attended our meeting!



Green County 4-H Communications Contest

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Green County Justice Center (2841 6th St, Monroe)
Check-in Begins at 12:45 PM



DIVISIONS WILL PROMPTLY START AT 1:00 PM

Registration deadline for this event is Tuesday, February 17.

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

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

- SPEAKING DIVISION
- DEMONSTRATION DIVISION

SPEAKING DIVISION:

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

Grade Levels: *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 1-3 minutes* *Beginner (Grades 3-5): 2-4 minutes*
Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 3-5 minutes *Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 4-7 minutes*

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

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

DEMONSTRATION DIVISION:

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

Grade Levels: *Cloverbud (Grades K-2): 2-4 minutes* *Beginner (Grades 3-5): 3-6 minutes*
Intermediate (Grades 6-8): 5-10 minutes *Senior (Grades 9 & Up): 5-10 minutes*

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

Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

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

- Online using the following link: <https://go.wisc.edu/hnh7a4>
- Contact the Extension Office (608-328-9440 or swileman@wisc.edu) and provide the following: Child's name, 4-H Club, Grade Division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 or 9-13) and Contest Selection(s) (Prose/Poetry, Traditional Speech or Demonstration).



The University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

Green County 4-H Calendar of Events

For Calendar updates, please visit: green.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/calendar-news

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

NOV. 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	DEADLINE Full 4-H Club/Group Charters			Online link, see article
1	DEADLINE 4-H Enrollment closes for returning members		11:59 PM	https://wi.4honline.com
1	DEADLINE Returning leaders must be re-enrolled		11:59 PM	https://wi.4honline.com
3	DEADLINE Travel Scholarship Applications		11:59 PM	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
4	4-H Horse Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
5	DEADLINE Club Leadership Team Training Registration		11:59 PM	
6	4-H Financial Training	7:00 PM	7:45 PM	Online link, see article
7	DEADLINE Meals on Wheels Donations		4:30 PM	Extension Office
11	4-H Club Leadership Team Training	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
12	Fall Travel Scholarship Interviews	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ext Office Conference Rooms
15	4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Rooms 1-3, Justice Center
16	DEADLINE Distance Learning Registration		11:59 PM	https://wi.4honline.com
17	DEADLINE New Family Orientation Registration		11:59 PM	
17	Meals on Wheels - Packing of Boxes	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Government Services Building
19	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Monroe Public Library
20	4-H New Family Orientation & Pizza Party	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Rooms 1-2-3, Justice Center
23	4-H Rabbit Committee Meeting	7:15 PM	8:15 PM	Online link, see article
24	4-H Record Book Re-Design Team Meeting	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
27-28	<i>Thanksgiving—Extension Office Closed</i>			
30	DEADLINE Committee Self-Nominations		11:59 PM	Online link, see article
DEC. 2025	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	Club enrollment dues payment DEADLINE		4:30 PM	Extension Office
1	DEADLINE Volunteer Training and Background Check			
5	DEADLINE to complete 4-H Thrive Survey		11:59 PM	See email from Josset Gauley
24-25	Christmas Observed - Extension Office Closed			
27	Beef Weigh-In	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Equity Livestock, Monroe
29	YQCA In-Person Training			Green County Justice Center
30	4-H Shooting Sports Open House	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Room 1, Justice Center
JAN. 2026	EVENT	START TIME	END TIME	LOCATION
1	New Year's Day—Extension office Closed			
2	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports Registration		4:30 PM	Extension Office
5	4-H Executive Board Meeting	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Zoom Only
9	DEADLINE for 4-H Shooting Sports (\$5 late fee)		4:30 PM	Extension Office
15	DEADLINE 4-H Enrollment for new members		11:59 PM	https://v2.4honline.com

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Be sure to check the 4-H Calendar Page for up-to-date information as events approach:
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