



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

# 4-H Connections Newsletter

January/February 2022



## Educator's Corner

Happy New Year, Outagamie County 4-H!

I hope you all were able to enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. I hope you are all ready to dive in, discover, learn, connect, grow, and of course have fun! This year we have some new and exciting things coming up along with all of our usual amazing programs and events. As always, this newsletter has a ton of information about exciting events and activities, you do not want to miss out! So, grab and friend and sign up for a camp or attend a project meeting together and see what new skills you can discover!

### The Wisconsin 4-H Movement - Discovering Skills

In your club or community there are many different opportunities for you to discover skills! When you discover skills, you develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive. Here are some ideas to encourage you to discover skills and live out The Wisconsin 4-H Movement:

- Share a skill through a demonstration in your club
- Build on what you have learned
- Explore a new project of interest
- With project areas keep a journal of what was learned, how you feel about it, and how to continue to grow



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The first newsletter of the year is mailed to every family. Future newsletters will be sent by email and available on our website:

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/newsletters/>

**If you would like to continue to receive newsletters** in the mail, please contact Vicki at 832-5123 or [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org).

### NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

- Monday, January 31 | Center Town Hall/Zoom | 7:00 pm
- Register in advance: <https://bit.ly/4-HJan21Meeting>
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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# Calendar



## January

- 3 Extension Office CLOSED
- 6 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College | 7:00 pm
- 7 Meat Processing Workshop Registration DUE**
- 8 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 8:00 - 10:00 am
- 9 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 11 Camp Staff Interviews | Extension Office | 6:30 pm
- 13 Camp Staff Interviews | Calumet County Courthouse | 6:30 pm
- 15 Cloverbud Event | Mosquito Hill Nature Center | 9:00 am
- 20 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- 22 Adventures- Snowshoeing Event | Mosquito Hill (**pre-register by January 14**)
- 24 Youth Leaders Meeting | Center Town Hall and Zoom | 7:00 pm
- 26 Registrations for Quilting Workshop DUE**
- 30 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 31 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall/Zoom | 7:00 pm
- 31 Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Arts Retreat
- 31 Registration DUE for Family Learning Day**

## February

- 1 Educational Travel Experiences Scholarship Applications DUE**
- 1 Newsletter Submissions for March/April DUE**
- 4 Registration for Drama Festival DUE**
- 12 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 8:00 - 10:00 am
- 12 Quilting Workshop | Center Town Hall | 9:00 am (**pre-register by January 26**)
- 18 Registrations DUE for Arts Retreat**
- 19 Family Learning Day | FVTC | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm
- 19 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College | 1:00 pm
- 20 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 24 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- 26 Quilting Workshop | Center Town Hall | 9:00 am (**pre-register by January 26**)

## March

- 1 Application for CPF Scholarship DUE**
- 1 Shirley Richardson Memorial & Outagamie County HCE Scholarship DUE**
- 3 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3:00 pm
- 3 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College | 7:00 pm
- 12 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- 12-13 Arts Retreat | Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI
- 15 Application for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE**
- 15 Registrations DUE for 4-H Music and Talent Festival**
- 24 Shooting Sports | Trigger Action Sports | 8:00 - 10:00 am



# Upcoming Events



## Annual Leadership Training

January 31 | 6:30- 8:00 pm

Join Wisconsin 4-H in a yearlong experience - Learn Together, Lead Together: Youth-Adult Partnerships! Plan for interaction and engagement, and all youth and adult leaders are invited to participate!

Leave with ideas to use right now in growing youth-adult partnerships in your club and community. We hope all youth and adult leaders join us!

This session is designed to bring together youth and adult leaders, and provide easy to use strategies, activities and ideas during your 4-H experiences. Youth and adult participants can register using the link below. Once you register, you will receive the link for the Zoom session, and be provided information on handouts, reference materials and supporting documents. Registration details below:

January 31, 2022: Learn Together, Lead Together: Equal Voices, Roles and Participation

Time: 6:30- 8:00 pm

Register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/vze9e3>

Attendance will be recorded. WI 4-H Club **annual chartering requires one adult leader from each club or group** MUST attend one of the Annual Leader Training sessions. (First session was held November 30)

Note: This session will be recorded for later viewing.

Have questions? Reach out to Alicia!

## Drama Festival

March 5 | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9 am

Registration DUE February 4

Clubs interested in using lighting effects are required to have someone from your club attend the training at Seymour High School. The date and time will be sent in an email to main leaders who request the training. Clubs and their drama leaders might want to start reading plays now. Check out the scripts available at the Extension Office. All Club Main Leaders have been sent more information including registration information.

Contact Alicia at [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu) with your questions.

## 4-H Arts Retreat with Outagamie, Calumet, Winnebago, and Waupaca

March 12-13 | Wisconsin Lions Camp



Created for 4-H members in grades 5-8 and leaders, 4-H Arts Retreat is an exciting overnight experience all about art! The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, fiber arts, visual arts, arts and crafts, and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H arts projects. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders, 4-H staff members, and a special guest or two with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Participants stay in the cabins. Camp begins Saturday morning with check-in at 9:30 am and ends Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm with a gallery walk and closing program.

The fee will include all materials and supplies, transportation, presenters, overnight lodging, meals and snacks.

Additional information can be found at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp/>



# Upcoming Events



## 2022 4-H Music and Talent Festival

April 9 | Freedom High School

**Registrations DUE March 15.**

Calling all youth, adults, clubs, groups, trios, and duets!



This year we are excited to be offering a Music and Talent Festival! We are encouraging 4-H clubs, small groups, duets, trios, and any other 4-H members with talents to share to participate. Examples of entries could include but are not limited to: instrumental music, dance, vocal, speeches, juggling, etc. Entries will be reviewed by the committee to ensure a 4-H family friendly event.

Clubs will be scored, judged and have a chance to hear critiques from the judge after their performance. Awards will be given for Best Overall and Most Entertaining.

Registration is now open

<https://forms.gle/8QiEyfCQf3RzLr9g6>. Main leaders will also receive an email invitation and instructions for participation. Registrations are due March 15.

## Save the Date!

### 2022 4-H Summer Camps!!!!

Cloverbud Day Camp, June 14

Adventure Day Camp, June 16

Base Camp August 7-10

Outpost Camp August 7-10

Outagamie and Calumet (Cal-Agamie) Counties 4-H Summer Camp is scheduled on the calendar for Sunday, August 7 through Wednesday, August 10 for both Base Camp (for youth in grades 3-6) and Outpost Camp (grades 7-8). This year we are camping at Army Lake Camp in East Troy, WI. Day camps will again be offered for members in the Cloverbud project on June 14 and youth in grades 3-8 on June 16 at Camp Forest located in Forest Junction. Camper registration for all camp experiences will be available in April. Applications for our youth counselors and adults are still open.

Please check our website under the Summer Camp tab for more information about camp.

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-camp-2/>

## Family Learning Day

February 19 | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

Family Learning Day is back! This day promotes many of the opportunities that Outagamie 4-H has to offer, provides experiences to try new projects, participate in project meetings, and offer the chance for adults and teen leaders to share their knowledge. You are invited to join us for a day of fun hands-on learning!

Who: Youth in grades 5K to 12 and their parents

Where: FVTC

When: Saturday, February 19, 2022

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Registration: Open January 6- February 4

Cost: FREE! This event is brought to you by Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association.

Feel free to invite family and friends to register! Open to the Outagamie County Community- you do not need to be a current 4-H member to participate.

Schedule:

8:15 - 10:15 Registration

8:30 - 10:00 Session 1

10:00 -10:30 Break- Check out the Showcase

10:30 - 12:30 Session 2

1:00 - 2:30 Session 3 YQCA ONLY

During the break at 10:00 am stop by the Showcase room to learn what else Outagamie County 4-H has to offer, whether it's a project, event, activity, or an opportunity to expand your 4-H experience outside of the County. Reminder that the Showcase displays and tables will only be available to view from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**Pre-registration is required and due by January 31.**

Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to cancel sessions if registration is too low.

Register one of two ways: PDF Registration Form or Online Registration <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects-2/family-learning-day/>



# Upcoming Events



## Family Learning Day Workshops 2022

A complete list of workshops, their descriptions, and registration will be available on the website by January 6.  
<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects-2/family-learning-day/>

**Dairy Judging 101** Do you love cows, live on a farm or show cows at the county fair? Have you thought about joining the dairy judging team but just weren't sure what it was all about? Join us for a workshop on what it takes to judge cows with Outagamie 4-H Dairy Judging Coach Alyssa Seitz. Alyssa will go over the basics of judging, including dairy cattle parts, breeds, and maybe even a little friendly competition! This workshop is open to all ages and experience levels, and will answer any questions participants may have about joining the judging team.

**Showing Cats? What?!** Join Stacy in learning all about how to show a cat at the fair. Tips and tricks from cat leaders! Making cat toys and cage decorations.

**Snow Much Fun!** We will be taking a paint roller and turning it into a fun snowman. Come and have fun and be creative with this Home Environment project.

**Lets Make A Dog Toy** We will be making dog tug toys that participants can choose to keep or donate to a local shelter.

**Adventures in Livestock** Come see what the livestock program is about. Alicia is a youth leader on the livestock committee and will do her best to answer any questions you have. The workshop will include an overview of the beef, swine, sheep, and goat livestock projects. County livestock resources will be provided for anyone interested. Not sure if you want to show an animal at the county fair or just not sure where to start, this workshop is for you.

**Creative Card Making for Cloverbuds** This Cloverbud session will feature step-by-step card design as well as free style card making. Come and be creative. Participants will have an opportunity to donate their creations to a local nursing home!

**Book Folding** Hate to see used books be discarded? Learn how to create shelf showpieces through book folding.

**Wildlife Habitat Evaluation** Join Norb and Barb Yogerst of the Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) while we explore animal pelts, traps, and the habitats these animals live in, and much more!

**Dairy Goat Fest** Explore the world of Dairy Goats! Have you ever wanted to own a goat but think it's not worth the work? Come join us to learn about goats, their care needed, nutrition, milking, ways to use goat milk other than drinking it, goat agility and any other questions you may have. There will also be a demonstration on how to make goat milk soap.

**Beginning to Paint with Watercolor** Participants will discover watercolor, learn a few tips, tricks and techniques. Youth will paint their very own mini-watercolor to take home and receive a list of the supplies they are using and where they can be purchased so they can continue to discover this medium at home.

**Adventures Camping** Summer is coming and with that comes lots of opportunities to camp. Learn what to pack and all that is in store for you at 4-H Camp.

**Shooting Sports** There is lots to learn in the Shooting Sports project, come discover some of those opportunities. Talk with Phil and try out his famous rubber band guns!





# **4-H ARTS RETREAT**

**MARCH 12-13, 2022**

**"SHOW US YOUR ART. TELL US YOUR STORY."**

**GRADES 5-8**

**LOCATION: WI LIONS CAMP**

**ROSHOLT, WI**

**COST: EARLY BIRD \$75**

**AFTER 1/31/22: \$100 (DEADLINE 2/18/22)**

**INCLUDES BUSSING, OVERNIGHT LODGING, MEALS & SUPPLIES**

**YOUTH AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS WILL ROTATE THROUGH A VARIETY OF SESSIONS WHICH ARE HANDS-ON, INTERACTIVE AND HELD AT VARIOUS SITES THROUGHOUT CAMP, INCLUDING OUTDOORS.**

**SOME OF THE SESSIONS THAT WILL BE PART OF ARTS RETREAT ARE:**

**BUTTON ART, FEATHER EARRINGS, WATERCOLORS, POUR PAINTING, FIBER ART, ART REFLECTION JOURNAL, LEAVES/FLOWER PRINTING, AND PROJECT GOAL SETTING.**

**REGISTER AT:**

**<https://forms.gle/TmAkYFvou9vjvtMU6>**



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Deadline extended to January 7!

# MEAT PROCESSING WORKSHOP

January 18 & 25, 2022

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Where: Haen Meat Packaging, Inc  
600 County Rd KK, Kaukauna

What: January 18

1. Learn about spices, different meat blends and textures
2. Pick your flavor and mix

January 7

How: Sign up by ~~December 10, 2021~~

Register by mail or online: <https://bit.ly/MeatProcessingWorkshop>

Cost \$40 per participant

January 25

1. Mix and stuff your brats
2. Cook and taste
3. Vote for your favorite
4. Bring home a minimum of 5-7 pounds of brats!

Contact Sarah Grotjan, Dairy/Livestock Educator for more information:

920-832-5129 or [sarah.grotjan@wisc.edu](mailto:sarah.grotjan@wisc.edu)

This activity fulfills the education requirement for all four livestock species projects at the 2022 Outagamie County Fair.

Name:

Email Address:

Address:

Phone:

Age:

4-H Club or FFA School Name:

Mail along with check (payable to Haen Meat Packaging Inc) to:

Extension Outagamie County, Attn Meat Processing Contest 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914



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# Upcoming Events



## Winter Leadership Camp 2022

We are sad to announce that the Winter Leadership Camp for 2022 has been canceled. We hope to see it back next year. In the meantime, please take a look at the many other opportunities available to Outagamie County 4-H'ers.

## Basketball Tournament

There has been discussion about whether or not the 4-H Basketball Tournament will continue as in the past. With 4-H enrollment being down the last two years we need to see if we have enough interest to be able to hold this event.

Main Leaders: please let Rose Rynish know as soon as possible whether your club would be fielding any teams for a tournament. Contact Rose by email by mid January. [prynishfam@gmail.com](mailto:prynishfam@gmail.com)



# Project Updates



Here are some ideas to help our 4-H members achieve their project goals for 2022.

1. Read through any project material available concerning the project. Resources are available through the Outagamie County Extension office. Also a good resource is the Fair Premium Book available online [www.OutagamieCountyFair.com/entriescontests/](http://www.OutagamieCountyFair.com/entriescontests/) or purchase a hard copy.
2. Attend meetings virtually or in person at the club, county, or state level concerning the project.
3. No project leader in your club, no problem! Look through the Outagamie County 4-H Family Handbook for project resource leaders.
4. Still no leadership? Contact Alicia or Vicki in the Extension Office or your main club leader for advice or look to project committee leaders also in the 4-H Family Handbook.
5. PROJECT LEADERS, please reach out to clubs that do not have project leaders in your project. The Extension Office also has that information. Maybe not all of your club members can attend a meeting so if you have room for a few more, open your project meeting up to other clubs.
6. Do not wait!! The winter months are the ideal time to start planning and preparing projects for the fair. It is also the best time to contact someone to help you!

When it comes to projects, we leaders, especially resource leaders, are here to assist our members to the best of our ability. When our members are successful and having fun, it makes others want to join 4-H!

To Make The Best Better!!

Offered by the Outreach Committee

## 4-H Project Resource Leaders Available

Outagamie County is fortunate to have more than 25 4-H resource leaders. If you have questions about your project or a project that you are interested in, please reach out to them. 4-H Resource Leaders are listed in the 4-H Family Handbook that was handed out at your last club meeting, or ask your club's main leader for one. If you are interested in becoming a Resource Leader or learning more about it, please contact the office at 920-832-5123 or email [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org)

## Cloverbud Lesson Plans

Attention all Cloverbud Leaders and Parents of Cloverbuds. There is some exciting news...Cloverbud lesson plans are now available! There are enough lesson plans for a three year rotation! You can read more about it on the state 4-H website and find the lesson plans there as well!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2019/11/18/year-three-cloverbud-lesson-plans-available/>





# Project Updates



## Attention Shooting Sports Project Members/Leaders

Trigger Action Sports will be offering shooting with pistol and rifle at no cost to project members/leaders/parents. Please visit [www.triggeractionsports.com](http://www.triggeractionsports.com) to fill out a waiver online which will be kept on file to be able to shoot at Trigger. Location is 327 Randolph Dr, Suite D, Little Chute. Events on Thursdays will be from 5:30-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays will be 8:00-10:00 a.m.

### Pistol

Saturday, January 8  
Thursday, February 24  
Saturday, March 12

### Rifle

Thursday, January 20  
Saturday, February 12  
Thursday, March 24

## Clothing/Quilting Members

### QUILTING WORKSHOPS

February 12 & 26 | Center Town Hall | 9 am – 12 pm  
(May require some sewing at home between workshops)

Registration required by January 26 (form on page 14).

PROJECT – A disappearing nine-patch quilt will be made.

Fabric and batting will be provided. Members will enter the quilt in the Outagamie County Junior Fair. After the fair the quilts will be donated to a local charity as a community service project. If the member would like to keep the quilt made, then a donation can be given for the charity.

WHAT TO BRING – Sewing machine, thread, scissors and any basic sewing supplies you have. If you have a cutting board and rotary cutter, bring it along.

## Livestock, Dairy, and YQCA Updates

Information for YQCA will be forthcoming to your inbox and printed in the next project letters. Please make sure you read the project letters which will be sent in early February. Thank you!

## Dog Project Members

Please mark your calendars for the following dog project meetings:



January 9 & 30  
February 20  
March 20  
April 3 & 24

All meetings will begin at 3 pm and will be held at the Winnegamie Dog Club (2043 Manitowoc Road, Menasha). We will be working on obedience, rally, agility, and nose work. Therapy dog certification will be discussed at the January 9 meeting. Some of these classes will count toward the project requirements. If you have questions, please call MaryJo Plamann at 920-757-5465.

## Adventures Project Members

January 22 | Mosquito Hill Nature Center | 9 am - 12 pm

Join us for a snowshoe walk at Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London. Cost of snowshoe rental will be youth (up to age 13) \$3/pair and adult (age 14 and up) \$4/pair.

You need to pre-register for this event no later than January 14 with Vicki [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org) or call 920-832-5123. If you have your own snowshoes bring them along, but we still need you to pre-register. You can pay for the rental on the day of the event.

## Holiday Candy Making with the Foods Project

Pictured: Rebekah Stille, Kahlan Scherg, Jada & Weston Spiegel, Emmett & Claire Schmidt, Braeden & Preston Capaul, Claire Rickert, Bill Koleske (not pictured: Susan Koleske, Katie Stille, Katie Ricker, Sheila VanderZanden)

Candy making with Sheila VanderZanden and the youth in the Food Project was a huge success. We had fun and learned a lot, too! Thank you to all the parents who helped with the dishes and final clean up!





# Project Updates



## Cloverbud Event

January 15 | Mosquito Hill Nature Center | 9 am

Join us to learn about the owls, and other winter birds, who live and play at Mosquito Hill.  
Cost is \$3 per attendee (including parents and/or siblings).

RSVP to Katie Rickert [katiebessette@yahoo.com](mailto:katiebessette@yahoo.com) by January 1.

Outagamie County Cloverbud Event!

## Owl Learning Event

Mosquito Hill Nature Center  
N3880 Rogers Rd. New London, WI

Date: **Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Start Time: 9 AM

Duration: 1 hour

\$3/attendee (including parents and/or siblings)

Join us to learn about the owls, and other winter birds, who live and play at Mosquito Hill!

RSVP to Katie Rickert via email at [katiebessette@yahoo.com](mailto:katiebessette@yahoo.com) by Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. An email, with more details, will go out to all Cloverbud families.



# Congratulations



## Executive Committees

Congratulations to the Youth and Adult Volunteer Leaders who were elected to serve on the executive committees of the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders and Youth Leaders Associations for the 2021-2022 4-H year.

### Youth Officers

President – Stacy Marcks  
Vice President – Susan Koleske  
Secretary – Jake Stille  
Treasurer – Beth Casper  
Social Media – Mike Stille  
Recreation – Burke Sprangers and Luke Stille

### Adult Officers

President: Emily Stille  
Vice President: Pamela Knaack  
Secretary: Dar DeBruin-Hein  
Treasurer: Rose Rynish  
Directors: Lisa Sprangers & Laurie Penterman





# Educational Travel Experiences



## Educational Travel Experiences

Information and applications are available <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/>  
If you have any questions, call the office 920-832-5122.

### Scholarship Applications DUE February 1

#### Explore Wisconsin

WHERE: Wisconsin (destination chosen by youth)  
WHEN: 2 days/1 night in summer  
Delegates plan and design what happens on this travel experience. The possibilities are endless. The only limitations are the duration of two days and location within Wisconsin. The rest is up to you! Qualifications: Be in 6th-7th grade at the time of application; maximum age 15.

#### Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference

WHERE: TBD  
WHEN: 4 days in June  
At this pre-college program, participants take part in educational seminars, assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community. Qualifications: Be in 7th-10th grade at time of selection.

#### National 4-H Congress

WHERE: TBD  
WHEN: 5 days in November  
Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and community service while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Qualifications: Applicants must be a current 4-H member from the application deadline through travel dates, be in 10th-12th grade at time of selection, enrolled in the youth leadership project and be a maximum age of 18 as of January 1.

#### Key Award

Recognizes 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Qualifications: Must be 14 as of January 1. Must have completed 3 years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership project. Information and applications are available at:

[outagamie.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/](https://outagamie.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/travel/)

## Adult Chaperones Needed

Adult leaders are needed to chaperone the Explore Wisconsin Trip and Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference. Applications are available on the Outagamie County 4-H website and by contacting the office. Due by February 1.

Please note: Additional training is required to chaperone, and ensure the safety of our youth participants.

## State Events and Opportunities

Wisconsin 4-H offers so many excellent opportunities for youth. Planning is still happening for many events on a virtual platform. Please checkout the state website for more information on Educational Travel Opportunities and events. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

# 4-H History

## Did you know:

According to the national 4-H website history log, in the late 1800's, researchers discovered adults in the farming community did not readily accept new agricultural developments on university campuses, but found that young people were open to new thinking and would experiment with new ideas and share their experiences with adults. In this way, rural youth programs introduced new agriculture technology to communities. The idea of practical and "hands-on" learning came from the desire to connect public school education to country life. Building community clubs to help solve agricultural challenges was a first step toward youth learning more about the industries in their community. A. B. Graham started a youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of 4-H in the United States. The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club." T.A. Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs that same year. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs. The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. By 1924, 4-H clubs were formed and the clover emblem was adopted.

As highlighted by Bill Shaw, Outagamie County 4-H agent from 1966-1996, 4-H club work was introduced into Outagamie County on September 25, 1925, through the efforts of Mrs. John Schoettle in the township of Greenville. Then in 1927, Mrs. Ernest Schuster, a rural school teacher at Isaar, introduced 4-H project work in the school curriculum. The efforts of these women provided the seed for a county-wide 4-H program.

For a few years 4-H clubs had the opportunity to participate in two community fairs. Seymour's fair, since 1883, was in August and Hortonville's fair, 1882-1930's was in September. By 1934, 21 clubs existed.

Now it's your turn to help the 4-H History Committee to develop information about each club.

What is the name of your club?

How did your club come up with their name?

When did your club start?

Who were the founding leaders and/or members?

Who are the current leaders?

How many members did you have when the club started?

How many members do you have now?

List some highlights of your club history going back as far as you can. Please submit your answers and highlights to: [dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com](mailto:dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com) by January 15. Those who submit information and attend the January 2021 Leaders meeting will be eligible for the gift card drawings.





## 2021 WI 4-H Fall Forum Conference

This year the WI 4-H Fall Forum Conference was held via Zoom with over 500 youth, volunteers and staff participants! Outagamie county had about 9 youth and adults participate. Everyone participated in workshops, activities, and networking with other 4-Hers around the state building leadership and communication skills. Chad Littlefield was the keynote speaker who focused on connection before content and was excellent. If you missed it, here is a link to one of Chad's videos [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF0znMspt\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hF0znMspt_w). We cannot wait for 2022!

## “Join 4-H” Signs

Thank you to those that proudly displayed our “Join 4-H” sign again this year! The winners of the contest were: Emily Stille, Rose Rynish, and Robin Kettner.

## 4-H Promotion

The Outreach Committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend to promote 4-H. Please contact a committee member, found in the Family Handbook. Promotional totes are filled with 4-H goodies and are just waiting for you to use them!

## Action Center Stage

Hey! It's never too early to think about performing on the Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County fair! We are hoping to be back in full swing for the 2022 Fair with more to enjoy. Just talk to Alicia at [alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu](mailto:alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu) and be the first to book your time and date.



## CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship

Applications Due March 1

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award Scholarships up to \$4000.00 per year, more if funding is available, to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor's, Associate, or another certified accredited program.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a current Outagamie County 4-H Member in good standing, having participated at least on the club and county levels.
2. Applicant must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling.
3. Applicant must have been a member for a minimum of 4 years with an accredited 4-H program and must be a current member of an Outagamie County 4-H Club.
4. Must have minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Must send a completed application form and necessary documents and letters, all together, by US postal service (must arrive by due date) or drop off at the Extension Office, by 4:00 pm March 1.

Application and guidelines will be posted on the website, [www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship/](http://www.outagamie.uwex.edu/4h/scholarship/) with more details by mid-January.



# Bits & Pieces



## 2022 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Applications Now Being Accepted

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Tuesday, March 15, 5:00 pm.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

For more information and application please visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website.

<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

## 2022 Scholarships

Shirley Richardson Memorial & Outagamie County Home and Community Education

The Outagamie County Home and Community Education Association (HCE) awards two \$750 scholarships annually. Both scholarships are available to a student who is completing their senior year of high school or a student continuing education on a full-time basis at either a college or technical school. The candidate for the scholarships must be a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, or niece/nephew of an active member of Outagamie County HCE or must be a current Outagamie County 4-H member. Residents of Outagamie County and Wisconsin will be given first preference. A candidate will only be eligible to receive one of the \$750 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded one time per individual.

Scholarship applications must be **received** by March 1 (not postmarked) to Karen Dickrell, Extension Outagamie County, 3365 W Brewster St. Appleton, WI 54914. For application and requirements, check the website link below or contact Faye Wichman ([faye.wichman@att.net](mailto:faye.wichman@att.net))

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/accepting-applications-for-the-2022-hce-memorial-scholarships/>



## Quilting Workshop Registration

Send registration to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914 by January 26 .

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Club Corner

Take a look at what our clubs are doing! Please submit your club's monthly report to Vicki at [vicki.handschke@outagamie.org](mailto:vicki.handschke@outagamie.org) in the office and your club may be highlighted in the next newsletter!

**Bent Arrow 4-H Club** met at Badger Meeting House on Monday, December 6.

Club members gave reports on the Youth Leader Meeting and the Foods Meeting. Mike talked about breeds of dairy cows. Archery was the topic of Luke's report. Preston told us about his sewing project for the fair.

The activity was working on different items (door hangers, magnets, and cards) for a deployed National Guard unit.

Preston led a game where we had to draw a Christmas tree on a paper plate while it was on our head.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 3, 2022.

Rebekah- Reporter



After starting out with tying blankets for the homeless and doing other crafts, the **B-Square 4-H** meeting was called to order on December 6 at Greenville North Elementary. The pledges were said. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. There was an announcement that all of the bell ringing spots were filled. There was an announcement to start collecting pop tabs for the next competition. There was a reminder to read and keep your 4-H newsletters. Lucy was thanked for putting together the craft, people who helped make the tie blankets were thanked. There was a reminder that there was a cookie exchange after the meeting. There was a short history lesson on B-Square's past 80 years since the start of the club.

Santa and Mrs. Claus then came into the meeting and read a book and handed out candy to the good kids and coal to the bad ones. The next meeting is on January 3, 2022 at Greenville North Elementary.

Beau – Reporter

## Fairview 4-H

Our Club made tie blankets for Saving Paws Animal Rescue on December 6. We made a total of 12 cozy blankets for cats and dogs. Sophie-Reporter



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