4-H Connections Newsletter







Educator's Corner

Hello Friends!

Spring is coming along with a bunch of great opportunities for youth and families to participate in. This is a good time to start thinking about what you have learned in the projects you have done and what you might want to share with others at the fair. It is a good time to plan a new community service project with your club or family. With all the events we have to offer, it is a good time to check out something new. You don't have to do any of these things alone, grab a friend or talk to your club about doing something new together. Have Fun!

The Wisconsin 4-H Movement- Belonging Together

In your club or community there are many different opportunities for you to belong together! When you belong together, you recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other. Here are some ideas to encourage you to belong together and live out The Wisconsin 4-H Movement:

- Lead group activities at club meetings
- Bond with fellow member and the community in a community service experience
- Plan to attend a county program as a club
- Ensure everyone in the club feels invited and welcome at every meeting/event
- Start a welcome committee for your club or project

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, April 25 | Zoom/Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

Register in advance: https://bit.ly/4-HAprilLeaders

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Calendar



March

1	CPF Scholarship A	pplication	DUE	4	pm
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- 1 UW Meat Lab Registration DUE
- 3 YQCA | Fox Valley Technical College | 7 pm
- 5 Drama Festival | Seymour High School Auditorium | 9 am 12 pm
- 11-12 Shooting Sports Winter Invitational | Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club
- 12 Shooting Sports Rifle | Trigger Action Sports | 8 10 am
- 12-13 Arts Retreat | Wisconsin Lions Club, Rosholt
- 15 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE
- 15 Registrations DUE for 4-H Music and Talent Festival
- 20 Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 pm
- Horse Association Board Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 6 7 pm
- Horse Association Educational Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 7 8 pm
- 24 Shooting Sports Pistol | Trigger Action Sports | 5:30 8:00 pm
- Bus Tour to UW Meat Lab | 7 am 6 pm
- 31 "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" Photo Contest Submissions DUE

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- 4 Summer Camp Registration Open to All
- 8 Pumpkin/Sunflower Contest Participant List Due to Extension Office from Main Leaders
- 9 Music and Talent Festival | Freedom High School | 9 am
- 15 Extension Outagamie County OFFICE CLOSED
- Dog Project Meeting | Winnegamie Dog Club | 3 pm
- 25 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | Zoom | 7 pm
- Horse Association Board Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 6 7 pm
- Horse Association Educational Meeting | Fox Valley Technical College | 7 8 pm



Upcoming Events



Drama Festival

Saturday, March 5 Seymour High School Auditorium- Admission is FREE 9 am- 12 pm Doors open at 8 am

It is that time of year again, our spectacular youth have been memorizing lines and perfecting their performances to create another entertaining and enjoyable 4-H Drama Festival. Please join us for a great day at the 'theater'. Sit back and relax as you enjoy each group as they perform at the 2022 Outagamie County 4-H Drama Festival!

Concessions will be provided and proceeds will go to the Valley Eagles 4-H Club.

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, demonstrations, juggling, etc. Entries will be reviewed by the committee to ensure a 4-H family friendly event.

Please note that the Communication Arts Festival has been absorbed into the Music and Talent Festival this year. Consider registering multiple performances such as a speech or demonstration and a musical piece or talent.

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

A Google form 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.

"Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H Photography Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer another multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to three sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: "Hit me with your best shot" 4-H photo contest | UMN Extension with rules available here: https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest

Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image to **fourhphoto@umn. edu** by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on March 31, 2022. Volunteer
4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift.

Register at: https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu

Basketball Tournament

Unfortunately, there will not be a basketball tournament this year. We did not have enough clubs sign up. There have been some conversations about offering different sports opportunities during the summer, for example we played kickball before a Leaders meeting last summer. If you have any ideas or would like to plan something please contact the Leaders Association President, Emily Stille, erstille@gmail.com.

Cloverbud Challenge

REMINDER! The Cloverbud Committee is challenging all Cloverbuds to experience much of what 4-H has to offer. Between now and the 2022 County Fair, complete the tasks on the Cloverbud Bingo Card found on page 5.

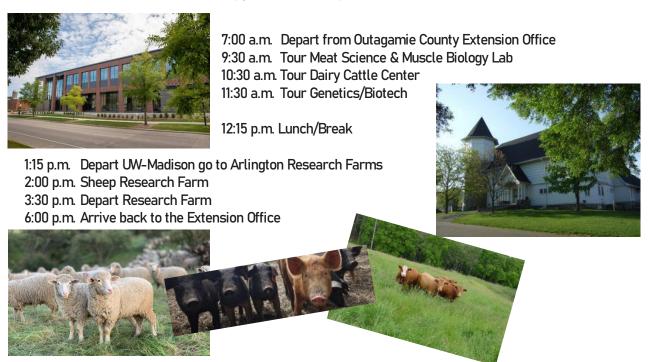
Prizes are Dairy Bar vouchers to be used at the 2022 Outagamie County Fair! Grab a sandwich or malt for all your hard work.

A \$1 prize will be awarded for a standard (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) Bingo. Achieve a blackout? Win up to a \$5 prize!

4-H Livestock Opportunity March 26, 2022



Bus tour to the UW Meat Lab, Dairy Cattle Center, Genetics & Biotechnology and Arlington Research Farms



Cost: \$50 per person (includes tours, transportation, insurance)
Lunch will be sponsored and provided by Kelsey's Country Kitchen (box lunches will include sandwich, chips, cookie and water) Anyone with food allergies may bring their own lunch.

Meats Lab Tour - March 26, 2022		Registration Due: March 1, 2022		
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Please fill out one registration form per person

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Outagamie County 4-H Cloverbud Bingo

do or create a dance routine	Choose an animal and find out what it eats	Pick your own project or repeat one	Learn the 4-H pledge	Teach someone something you can do in a "how-to" video or in person
Make a paper airplane	Tell your Club leader something you learned in 4-H	make a card for a relative or friend	Teach an animal a trick (or read about how to)	Discover how your favorite food is made (farm to spoon)
make a tie pillow or blanket	Learn to set the table before a meal	plan a meal for your family and help make it	Ask an older member about one of their projects	take a picture or tell a story using photos
Make a bird feeder (milk container, wood, etc.)	Act out or read along your favorite book	On a walk, try to find different fallen leaves and match them to their tree	take care of a house plant or grow an herb	Make a holiday themed decoration
Learn to tie 2-3 different knots	Create a drawing or a painting	build a model (k- nex, Lego, scale, etc.)	Take a hike at a nature preserve and look for different birds, bugs, animals, and plants	pencil drawing of a farm animal

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Upcoming Events



Action Center Stage

It's not too early to start thinking about performing on the Action Center stage during the Outagamie County Fair. Call or email to request a time slot to do a demonstration, speech, drama play, musical act, project talk or anything else that would show what 4-H has to offer. Contact Alicia at <u>alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu</u> or call 920-832-5127.

Action Center Stage for County Sponsored Trip Recipients

All members going on county sponsored trips are requested to do a group presentation on the Action Center Stage on Sunday afternoon. Consult your fellow members on the trip to set up a slide show and talk. Lisa Sprangers is helping coordinate these presentations and pictures for trip promotion; contact her with any questions: sprangerslisa@gmail.com

Save the Date! 2022 4-H Summer Camps

Tuesday, June 14: Clover bud Day Camp (grades K-2), Camp Forest

Thursday, June 16: Adventure Day Camp (grades 3-7), Camp Forest

August 7-10: Summer Camp (grades 3-8), Army Lake Camp

Outagamie and Calumet County 4-H have some awesome camp opportunities set up again this year! Cloverbud Day Camp for youth in grades K-2, and Adventure Day Camp for grades 3-7 will be held at Camp Forest in Forest Junction, again this year from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Summer camp is Sunday, August 7 through Wednesday, August 10. For youth in grades 3-6, Base Camp and grades 7-8, Outpost Camp will be held at Army Lake Camp in East Troy. Early camper registration forms for current 4-H members will be available April 4. Open enrollment for community members will start April 15. For more information about camp, please visit our website under the 4-H Camp tab.

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

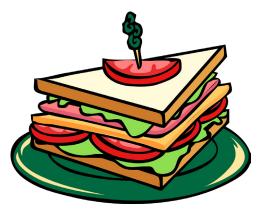


Project Updates



Foods Revue

The foods revue will be hosted at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds on the Action Center Stage during the week of the fair, Sunday July 24 at 2 pm. You will register for the Revue on your fair entry form due by May 25. There will not be a separate registration for this event (except for Cloverbuds). CLOVERBUDS also have the opportunity to exhibit at the Foods Revue! Members must be enrolled in the foods project in order to enter in that category for the revue.



Project Resources

Are you in need of some ideas for your next project meeting? Or would you like to learn more about your project? The Extension office has many project resources available to all leaders and youth for FREE! Before you purchase your resources from **Shop4-H.org** stop by the office and ask to see our collection! Please call ahead to make sure someone can assist you.



Project Updates



Shooting Sports

Winter Invitational

March 11-12

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmens Club, 11841

Stade Rd, Marshfield

Disciplines: Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Archery, Sm Bore Pistol,

Sm Bore Rifle, Wildlife Ecology

Registration begins at 5 pm on Friday and 7:30 am on Saturday morning. Shooting will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday evening and 8 am on Saturday morning at the assigned line times listed on the registration form. You must compete at your assigned time. Last line should finish about 3:30 pm. Awards to follow as soon as possible after competition ends.

Registration:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2022/02/2022-Winter-Invite-Registration-Form.doc

Cost varies.

Contact: Dave Hebert, 715-659-5361

doreehebert@yahoo.com

For more information about statewide competition check out the state website. https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/

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** prior to event 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.

Dates are: Rifle Pistol

Saturday, March 12 Thursday, March 24

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

March 12-13

Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI

Tell Me Your Story...Show Me Your Art



We are so excited that many of you are going to be joining us for Arts Retreat with some of our 4-H friends from three other counties. Please make sure that you reference the information packet sent to you for bus pick up and drop off, health and expectation forms, along with what to pack for the experience.

We cannot wait to share all of our stories, photos, and art with the rest of you when we return.

Cloverbuds

On January 15, the Outagamie County Cloverbuds participated in an Owl Learning Event. The event was held at Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London, WI. While on the nature walk, they met a local resident, a vole.



Thank You Corner

Family Learning Day - Thank you!

Family Learning Day was a success! Thank you to all of the youth leader volunteers, presenters and their assistants, our adult leaders, and our Extension Support Staff! We hope that everyone enjoyed their time and learned something new about their project and the Outagamie 4-H program! Cannot wait to see you all again next year!

Endowment Fund

A donation was made in Memory of Troy Landwehr from B-Square 4-H Club.



















Thank You Corner









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 - Wolf River Community Bank





Volunteer Leaders



Camp Chaperones

We are looking for Male Adult Volunteers (19 & older) to assist at this year's summer camp on August 7-10. In order for Calumet and Outagamie County 4-H to be able to provide the safest, most fun camp experience for all youth who participate, we do need more male volunteers to help us this summer. The number of adults who are able to volunteer for camp will help us determine how many youth will be able to participate. Please help us provide this opportunity for many youth, as we would hate to turn away anyone due to not having enough volunteers.

If you have any questions or if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Alicia, alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu or 920-832-5127.

Outreach

We need your help! As events start to reschedule and open up, we must be prepared to attend opportunities that will help us promote 4-H. Our committee is small and will need members and adults to assist us. Animals also. We would like to formulate a list of volunteers that we can call upon as needed. Please contact dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com if you would be interested in helping at any of our upcoming events. We will work with the restrictions that will be current at the time of the event.

Dairy Bar News

It is that time of the year to start thinking of the Dairy Bar. We are looking for you to join the team of the dairy bar and be a superintendent for 2022. The hours are flexible, work is challenging but very rewarding, volunteers are amazing to work with and lastly you will be compensated for your time; \$10 per hour! Please complete your application today.

https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/ files/2022/02/4-H-Dairy-Bar-Super-Application-2022. pdf

All interested parties must submit their application by March 31 to the Extension office. Questions, reach out to Mary Koleske at (920) 585-0555 or email wmjschev@gmail.com.

The Dairy Bar committee is looking forward to another fantastic Outagamie County Fair and excited we get to be part of the fun.





Congratulations



2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest

Congratulations to Samantha Brownson, Smile Awhile 4-H! Her fiber art (ship) was selected as the Best of Show winner for the 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest. She also received an honorable mention for her oil painting of a toad. With more than 100 entries, the contest was extremely competitive. A panel of judges chose one Best of Show; eight works as category winners, and 11 Honorable Mention awards.

The Best of Show and category winners are being purchased by the Foundation and will be used to raise funds to support 4-H arts and communications programs, like Arts Lab, ArtBEAT! and the state communications, arts and culinary teams. Honorable Mention award winners have been given the option to sell their piece to the Foundation, but they are not required to do so.

The Foundation is working on an online Art Auction, to be held virtually from Wednesday, April 20 until Tuesday, April 26.

Note: Samantha also designed the logo for Arts Retreat seen on page 7.





4-H History

Outagamie County has a long-standing history with 4-H and we are proud of it. For a few years now we have had a county banner hanging in the youth building at the Wisconsin State Fair. This banner has a slight spelling error that we would like to have fixed. Instead of just fixing the error, we would like your help to redesign the banner.

Please submit your ideas, sketches, drawings, and questions to Leader Association President, Emily Stille at **erstille@gmail.com**.





Bits & Pieces



Are you sure you are getting all the 4-H news?

Outagamie County 4-H has a lot of events and projects going on all year round that we would love for you to participate in, but do you know when they are happening? We post as much information as we can in the newsletter that comes out every other month, but sometimes in between, other fun stuff comes up; those events are posted on our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/Outagamie4H and our Instagram page @outagamiecounty4h. Sometimes you will get emails about upcoming events. These emails may end up in your junk mail box so you might want to check there if you are not getting anything, or contact the office and we can try to help you out.

Besides locally, 4-H has awesome opportunities happening all around the state. Check out the new Wisconsin 4-H News page for more information https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home/news/

Did you know...?

Did you know there are many, many educational travel experiences available for many ages and in many different capacities? County, State, National, and International. Short term and longer term opportunities and exchanges. ALL youth (starting in 6th grade) are eligible and financial support is available. Take a look at the website or contact the office for more information. Below is a list of just a few of the travel experiences that are available...

Explore WI, new locations every year (grade 6-7)
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, Madison (grade 7-10) - CANCELED for 2022
American Spirit, East Coast America (grade 8-10)
Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C. (grade 10-12)
4-H National Congress, Atlanta, GA (grade 10-12)

Community Service Grant

A grant providing additional funds for 4-H youth to implement educational and community service activities, sponsored by the 4-H Leaders Association. Any 4-H club can apply. The application is one page and can be submitted throughout the year. Information can be found under the Scholarship and Grant Opportunities tab on our website. https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/12/Community-Service-Grant.pdf

Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest

4-H members and cloverbuds are eligible to enter the Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest that will be held in October, but members must sign up with your club's main leader by the end of March. Main leaders must submit the number of seeds your club would like to the Extension Office by April 8. Main leaders, watch your email for more information. Seeds will be distributed at the April 25 4-H Leaders Association meeting to those clubs that pre-register.



What's Happening in Extension?



Upcoming Workshop

Join us on

Fridays
April 22-May 27
from
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
at
Outagamie County
ADRC
320 S. Walnut Street
Appleton, WI 54911

*If you are in need of Respite for your loved one during the duration of the workshop, please contact Carrie Esselman to see what options are available.

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Registration is required. Space is limited
Deadline to register is *April 15, 2022* or upon filling.
Call Carrie at 920-832-2038 to register or for more details.









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** in the office and your club may be highlighted in the next newsletter!

The **Bent Arrow 4-H Club** met at Badger Meeting House on Monday, January 3, 2022. Upcoming 4-H events were discussed. The club will be going bowling at a future meeting.

Lily talked to the club about Photography's Rule of Thirds.

Feeding birds in the winter was the topic of the educational presentation. Club members then made bird feeders. Members were challenged to identify the birds that come to their feeders.



Jada and Joselyn led the club in two games.

The Bent Arrow 4-H Club met at Badger Meeting House on Monday, February 7, 2022.

Club members gave reports on recent 4-H events which included the Meat Processing workshop and the Youth Leader Meeting. The club is working on a play called "Order Up" for the 4-H Drama Festival. There was a discussion on the club bowling activity.

Devon showed us he makes monsters using fabric and an embroidery machine. Apple dip was the topic of Tyler's demonstration.



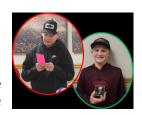
The activity was working on cards for a deployed National Guard Unit.

Our next meeting is Monday, March 7, 2022.

Rebekah-Reporter

The meeting of the **Fast Trackers 4-H Club** started at 6:30 at the Ellington Community Hall on January 3.

We started our meeting with a couple of member's reports. Grant gave a report on fishing and how he makes fly hooks. Joey talked about baseball and included how the game works, his favorite players, and more about his time playing baseball.



Fruit Basket Report: Everyone had fun giving out their baskets and talking/visiting with the people they gave them to.

Secret Santa Report: The youth leaders had a lot of fun with secret Santa this year. Many gifts were shared and stories were told.

Graduates Recognized: Christian, Makayla, Makenna, and Rachel were our graduates who were recognized. Each read their memorable plates and received their graduation plaque. Everyone had a chance to tell the group of their current and future plans and what 4-H has taught them.

We also had our pound sale where everyone brought in an item and at the end of the meeting we all bid on each other's items. It got pretty competitive and everyone had a lot of fun!

Next meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 7 at 6:30

Amy-Reporter

The regular meeting of the **New Horizons 4-H Club** was held at the Black Creek Community Center on January 11. Club members enjoyed playing games during the meeting instead of their usual craft project. A thank you note from Community 2000 was read. Last month the members of the club donated gifts to Community 2000 for Christmas gifts for families in need. This month the members voted to donate money to the Black Creek Library. New Horizons next meeting will be held at the Black Creek Community Center on February 8.

Mercedes-Reporter



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