



4-H Connections Newsletter

November/December 2024

Educator's Corner

Every child has the potential to be a true leader. Volunteer Leaders play a vital role developing and mentoring 4-H youth, leading local clubs, and running events. We invite and encourage all volunteer leaders including main leaders to...

- Guide members through unique and creative project meetings to help them through their 4-H year.
- Host project meetings for our members throughout the year and at Family Learning Day in February. Make sure you let the office know about them so we can help get the word out.
- Talk to Alicia to get more information about the project you lead.
- Bring other parents along to our meeting so they can also become leaders.
- Participate in leader trainings that may be offered throughout the year.
- Assist main leaders at the club levels.
- Bring a positive attitude and a welcoming mindset to all 4-H spaces you are in.

Whether you want to give an hour or a year, 4-H has an opportunity for you! It is time to begin, renew, or update your journey as a 4-H volunteer today!

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, November 25 | Center Town Hall | 7:00 pm

All leader meetings are open to ALL 4-H youth and adult leaders. We encourage regular attendees to bring someone new from your club each month. This is a great way to meet others and grow as an organization!

6:30 pm: Snacks provided by Smile Awhile, Valley EPIC, Wide Awake Forward



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Calendar

November

- 1 WI 4-H Thrive Model Survey Opens for youth ages 13 and up
- 2-3 Fall Forum | Stevens Point
- 14 New Family Welcome and Orientation | FVTC | 6:00-7:30 pm
- 15 4-H RE-ENROLLMENT DUE - <https://wi.4honline.com>**
- 15 Family Learning Day Proposals DUE**
- 15 State 4-H Arts Ambassador Applications Open
- 25 Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall | 7 pm
- 28-29 Extension Office CLOSED

Note: Not all dates are listed on this page! Please make sure you read the newsletter, and check your email so you don't miss anything!

December

- 1 Newsletter Submissions DUE for Jan./Feb.**
- 20 State 4-H Arts Ambassador Applications DUE**
- 24,25 Extension Office CLOSED
- 31 Summer Camp Youth and Adult Staff Applications DUE**
- 31 Extension Office CLOSED

January

- 1 Extension Office CLOSED

Congratulations

Graduating 4-H Members

Congratulations to all our members who graduated this year! This milestone is a stepping stone for more to come. As you enter this next chapter of your life, remember the lessons you learned in 4-H. Take them with you as you continue to make your best better!

Noelle Blank, Wild Grove

Beth Casper, Wild Grove

Jaxon Cox, Fast Trackers

Brooklyn Danke, B-Square

Lydia Ewing, Fast Trackers

Bryanna Farrell, Smile Awhile

Collin Garsow, Wolf River Beavers

Julia Gawryleski, Crystal Star

Ben Harrmann, B-Square

Ava Jarvais, Busy Bears

Alayna Johnson, Buchanan Badgers

Adam Karweick, Fairview

Lucas Leisgang, Shooting Stars

Ava Lorenz, Wolf River Beavers

Ella Lornson, B-Square

Stacy Marcks, Fast Trackers

Karlie Marks, Fast Trackers

Autumn Schmidt, Buchanan Badgers

Autumn Schmidt, Wild Grove

Nolan Schmidt, Fast Trackers

Luke Stille, Bent Arrow

Vanessa Van Handel, Smile Awhile

Brynn Vanden Langenberg, Shooting Stars

Upcoming Events

4-H Leaders Returning and New!

All 4-H leaders (returning and first year) MUST complete the online volunteer application form: <https://wi.4honline.com> and the required trainings each year. The state 4-H program requires that all leaders have a background check (returning leaders every 2 years) and go through the appropriate trainings. Go to: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/training-for-volunteers/> for more information on the required trainings and registration. Please complete all "required" trainings listed with your 4-H online enrollment so we can approve you as a volunteer.

WI 4-H Thriving Survey

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will again be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders to help Wisconsin 4-H learn about the quality of our programs (<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/>). The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card! Visit <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/4-h-foundations/4-h-thriving-model/> for more information on the 4-H Thriving Model. Please keep an eye out for messages in your email and more information about this important survey. If you do not receive an email and would like to participate, please contact Alicia.

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H Impact Report 2023 which highlights some survey results from last year. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2024/02/4-H-Report1-31-24.pdf>

Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest

It's back! The contest runs now through November 15, 2024 and is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs. For more information, please visit: www.cedarcresticecream.com, <https://wis4hfoundation.org/cedar-crest-ice-cream-flavor-creation-contest>

Culinary Creativity Knows No Limits

Reserve January 18, 2025, for a workshop learning how to assemble a charcuterie board for older youth in the morning and there will be another workshop in the afternoon for younger youth. Still working on finalizing details with Kelsey from Kelsey's Kountry Kitchen, Black Creek. Kelsey, a 4-H alumni, has once again offered her kitchen for teaching youth. There will be a small fee which will be non-refundable if unable to attend session. Sessions will be split between 9 am - 2:30 pm. Watch for registration and information to follow soon. Contact Jean Schroeder at js3creeks@gmail.com or 920-660-3842.

Upcoming Events

New Family Welcome & Orientation Night

November 14 | Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton | 6:00-7:30 pm

Welcome, new families, to Outagamie County 4-H! I am so excited that you decided to join us! My name is Alicia, and I am the 4-H Program Educator for Outagamie county. I know that your first year in this big program can be a bit overwhelming, so I wanted to try to help you feel more comfortable. I invite you to join me on Thursday, November 14 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton from 6 pm until about 7:30 pm for a fun welcome and orientation. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Watch your mail to RSVP. The registration link can be found here <https://forms.gle/o83vzVy4Z9k9SWXo7>

2025 4-H BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Remember the 4-H Basketball Tournament?

Well, to kick off 2025, the centennial year of Outagamie County 4-H, we will have a Day of FUN 4-H Basketball. We need to know how much interest there is and how many people want to participate. The date is Saturday January 11, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran School gymnasium, in Greenville.

Sign up on the Sign Up Genius below by November 30 and please pass this information on to alumni, family, and your whole club. We will need to have enough interest to make this happen.

If you have any questions contact: Rose Rynish prynishfam@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAAAE2DA1F94-52027283-2025#/>

Clothing Members: Make a Fabric Bag

Saturday, February 8, Center Town Hall 9 am – 12 pm

Registration required by January 30, minimum of 7 registrations required.

Project: Lined fabric bag, fabric and interfacing will be provided.

What to bring: Sewing machine, thread, scissors and any basic sewing supplies you have.

Please fill out the registration form on page 13 and return it to the Extension Office.

Drama Festival

Save the date! The Drama Festival is scheduled for March 8 at Seymour High School. Clubs and their drama leaders should start reading plays now. Check out the scripts available at the Extension Office. Contact Alicia at Alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu with your questions.

4-H Band and Choir

Dust off those instruments and warm up those voices because the Outagamie County 4-H Band AND Choir will be on the Action Center Stage at the 2025 Outagamie County Fair. All members, leaders, parents, and alumni are encouraged to join in the fun. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletters!

Project Updates

4-H Cat Project

The Outagamie County 4-H cat project is planning a fun practice cat show. It will be held at the Winnegamie Dog Club in December. Everyone can come, you do not need to be in the cat project! Keep your eyes open for more information. We are also planning a session for Family Learning Day! Everyone is welcome. Watch for more information and sign ups.



Exciting News for the Foods Revue

The Outagamie County Foods Revue will be moving this year to Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Center Town Hall starting at 9:30 am. This event is open to all youth enrolled in 4-H. Start planning your menu and place setting now. Be sure to save the date as more information will follow with a registration form. Any questions, please contact Jean at js3creeks@gmail.com or 920-660-3842.

Youth Leaders

Planning for the Club Officer Refresher

The planning committee for the 2025 Club Officer Refresher Training is now seeking members. Any youth that would like to help plan this event for next spring should contact Alyssa (Seitz) Zeimet, 4-H Associate Educator at 920-832-2171 or aaseitz@wisc.edu. We encourage members who have attended previous year's officer training to join the planning committee.

Volunteer Leaders

Shooting Sports Leaders

Registration is now open for the February 1, 2025 Southeastern Workshop at Washington County Fair Park in West Bend, WI. Disciplines will include: archery, rifle/air rifle, pistol/air pistol. The registration deadline is January 31, 2025. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a 4-H certified leader supervising the range.

Register now: <https://forms.gle/FNLHz5Y8KQnyME1s7>
For additional information, contact douglas.thomson@wisc.edu

Volunteer Leaders

Family Learning Day Workshop Proposals

The Planning Committee of the 4-H Family Learning Day invites you to be a session presenter. 2025 4-H Family Learning Day Workshop Proposals are due November 15.

Saturday, February 15 (tentative) | 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

4-H Family Learning Day is an opportunity for youth, volunteers, and parents to learn a new skill and explore 4-H opportunities.

This year we have made a couple adjustments to the schedule. We will offer three one-hour sessions with some flexibility for longer sessions if needed. We are also looking for volunteers (adults and/or older youth) to lead the following workshop topics:

Electricity - How to make simple circuits or flashlights

Card Making

Paper Airplanes

Rocket Building

Learning to Leather Craft

Build Your Own Hula Hoop

Cake Decorating

Ice Breaker Games to Take Back to Your Club

Printing

Rock Painting

Drama Games

Fly Tying

Macrame

Simple Woodworking Projects

Many of these workshop topics have a lesson plan that can be shared and the office has a lot of supplies. If you don't see something that interests you, please feel free to sign up for a workshop that does.

Please help make this day a success by sharing your time, talent, and knowledge with others. Don't want to teach a full workshop? Do you have a poster or display to share? Request a booth in our "4-H Showcase" area. Participants will get a chance to view displays and learn from you and your display without going to a class. If you have questions, please contact Alicia at 832-5127 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu. Please sign up to be a presenter by following this link <https://bit.ly/2025FLDPresenters>.

All submissions will be reviewed by the planning committee and presenters will be notified in December if their workshop has been accepted.



4-H History

1925-2025 = 100 Years of 4-H in Outagamie County



The committee has met and here are some of the activities planned. We need your help.

- January 11- Basketball Tournament and special kickoff
- February- Displays at Project Learning Day
- March- Dramafest rewind
- April- Displays at the Foods Revue
- May- Music/Speaking/Talent rewind, writing contest
- June- Breakfast on the Farm, special events and contest at the Fair (June 25-29)
- July- Timber Rattler game, 4-H night
- August- Alumni Social afternoon
- September- Join 4-H contest
- October- Project Open House
- November- Centennial Dance

Remember to send pictures and or questions to our email at OC4H100@gmail.com.

The history is being updated, t-shirts will be available, newsletter media will be contacted, yard signs ordered and special committees are working on promotions. Watch for additional upcoming contests.

The centennial committee is currently looking for 4-H photos, news clipping and artifacts to be used throughout the year in publications and displays. Please don't wait to send them as some items may be used for a 2025 calendar. Please reach out to our email with contact information of former members. We want to include as many alumni as possible!

Outagamie County 4-H Centennial Store

If you are interested in purchasing some merchandise to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Outagamie County, you can check out the small store front we have with a few fun pieces of apparel.

<https://outagamiecounty4h2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Five dollars of every item purchased goes to support all the great events planned for this next year.

Put your orders in today! The store will close November 17th.



Congratulations

Pumpkin & Sunflower Contest

We had 10 of 17 clubs participate this year in either the pumpkin or sunflower contest. The seeds for the contest, along with the scale for weighing the pumpkins, were sponsored by Corey Ertl – CropSource. We appreciate his financial support to this special youth activity and ask that all 4-H participants would send Corey a note of thanks and appreciation as well. Please send all thank you notes for Corey to the Extension Office, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914, and we will forward to him. I would also like to extend our appreciation to Julie Marcks for chairing this activity.

Pop Tab Challenge is part of this event as well, and a special thanks goes to Tammy Stille for her help with this project. Approximately 500 pounds of pop tabs were collected from the clubs, and a check in the amount of \$500.00 has been donated to the Ronald McDonald House (\$250.00 from the pop tabs and a matching donation of \$250.00 from Goldin Iron and Metal Recycling).

Pumpkin Winners

Place	Weight	Name	Club
1	172	Ethan Nysse	Country Slickers
2	99	Anne Gagnow	Fast Trackers
3	79	Eleanor Groenjes	Smile Awhile
4	70	Allison Gagnow	Fast Trackers
5	65	Dennis Vande Walle	Wild Grove
6	59	James Groenjes	Smile Awhile
7	52	Bridget Danke	B-Square
8 (tie)	48	Noah Schaumberg	Crystal Star
8 (tie)	48	Aiden Suehring	B-Square
10	45	Hannah Heegeman	B-Square

Pop Tab Winners

Club	Pounds
B-Square	253.96
Fast Trackers	113.68
Wolf River Beavers	40.04
Smile Awhile	31.1
Bent Arrow	27.8
Crystal Star	21.8
Country Slickers	17.36
River Valley Hawks	3.48

Sunflower Winners

Place	Inches	Name	Club
1 (tie)	22.5	Gunnar Timm	B-Square
1 (tie)	22.5	Dolly Vande Walle	Wild Grove
3	21.5	Joshua Manteufel	Wide Awake Forward
4	20.5	Allison Gagnow	Fast Trackers
5 (tie)	20	Anne Gagnow	Fast Trackers
5 (tie)	20	Lillian Huss	B-Square
7	19.5	Bridget Danke	B-Square
8	19	Dennis Vande Walle	Wild Grove
9 (tie)	18.5	James Groenjes	Smile Awhile
9 (tie)	18.5	Jada Novitski	Bent Arrow

Congratulations

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Friend of 4-H Award, Don and Diane Jarvais! Thank you for all you do!



Thank You Corner

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank all families and businesses who proudly displayed a "Join 4-H" sign this year.

Reminder: The deadline to submit your photos has passed. To those who did submit photos, you MUST also attend the November 25 Adult Leaders Association meeting to be eligible to win a gift card.



Outreach Events All Over the County

Thank you to our helpers! We couldn't spread the word without YOU!

Greenville Movie Night:

Eliza, Nick and Kristi Compton, Lillian, Alivia and Jessica Huss, Alicia and Jean Schroeder, Jeremiah, Johanna and Lori Vandenberg, Ashley Nelson and Connor Sweno, Norah and Mariah Boehm, Allison and Hannah Heegeman, Kaiya, Sofie and Ellen Wheaton, Jake and Rebekah Stille, Alaina and Amelia Zeinert, Therese Schroeder, Burke, Chloe, Zeke and Kendra Sprangers, Myah Ellsworth, Jim and Sandy Buman, Mark and Sonya Voight and Sheila Vander Zanden

Town of Kaukauna Fall Fest: September 21

Leanne, Deanna, and Evie Kavanaugh, Jared, Tiffany, Miles, and Clara Schmidt, Lindsey Wittmann, Sheila Vander Zanden and Mary Hoefler

Tough Kids Challenge: October 5

Thank you to all who helped under the direction of Lisa Sprangers:

Rebekah and Brian Stille, Harlen Cooper, Alicia and Jean Schroeder, Lily Gneiser, Halle, Emily and Brooke Baus, Kim Groenjes and Emma Sprangers

Appleton Parks and Recreation-Glow in the Park: October 11

Mary Hoefler and Lindsey Wittmann

Resource Leaders Celebrate 60 Years!

Ellen La Marche extends her heartfelt gratitude for 60 years of Resource Leaders, celebrating the unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment that have been the cornerstone of this remarkable group. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing the next generation of leaders.

Club Corner

Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club by Lucy

The Buchanan Badgers meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. on August 12, 2023. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. This month's birthday kids were Noah H., Madeline A., Iris S., and Blake R.



Old Business and New Business:

First, the new officer positions introduced themselves and said why they thought they should be elected for an officer position. Next, we talked about our club schedule for the next 4-H year. The schedule included things such as community service, trips, and fundraisers.

Demos:

Marrisa A. showed off her cool painting that she entered at the fair. Madeline A. explained how she made an abstract face out of clay. Eddie S. displayed his hunting sign, which he had made from pine wood. Morgan S. presented her galaxy jar which she made with cotton balls, glitter, and paint. Each member also brought one of their fair exhibits to show to the club. These projects ranged anywhere from paintings and flower arrangements to a Grand Champion Goat Banner and woodworking.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Our next meeting will be on September 9th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the St. Mary's Cafeteria.

B-Square 4-H Club by Bridget



On September 9th at 6:45 at Shepherd of the hills church in Greenville square held their September meeting. We had a surprise taco potluck to celebrate Cheryl Harmmann's years of being our club leader. Abby Hopfensperger will now be taking on the role of club leader. The night started with the club surprising Cheryl with flowers and the party. Everyone got a chance to eat before we started the meeting. We made sure to welcome new members by having them introducing themselves to the club and playing club a ice breaker, heads or tails. The secretary's and treasurers reports were read. We listened to new and old business from our new president Johanna. Discussed our club's fundraiser, fright night, possible t-shirt orders, donating a raffle basket for the leader association, our club community service project building first aid kits and reminders to re-enroll for the next 4-H year. Upcoming events were announced like, leaders meetings, educational trips and pumpkin and sunflower contests, etc. The next meeting will be on Monday October 7th at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Greenville at 6:30. New members welcome!



Club Corner

Crystal Star 4-H Club by Lucas

The August 20, 2024 meeting of the Crystal Star 4-H club was called to order by President Sydney. Due to several members not being at the meeting, voting of new officers has been postponed until the September meeting. We will have elections and installation of new officers next month. We welcomed two new families to our club. Enrollment for the 2024-2025 club year starts September 1. You can sign-up online. Club membership dues are \$5. Please pay this to Pam Knaack.

Lucas talked about the Youth Leaders meeting he attended on August 19. He encourages anyone who is 7th grade or older to join. It's a lot of fun, you get to meet kids from the county, and do Service projects throughout the county.

October 6-12 is National 4-H week. Our club is looking for ideas on how to promote 4-H in the county. Two families will write an article to have submitted to the local newspaper. Pam will look into getting info to the Seymour schools to have distributed promoting the 3 clubs in our area.

We decided that both the Foods and the Arts and Crafts club meetings will continue on Tuesday nights. We will start these meetings again in October.

Please remember to download the Band App. Any important information will be communicated through this.

We ended the meeting by having our own Summer Olympics. We played several different games like cup stacking and balloon volleyball. We also had our big cookie that we received for winning the Drama Fest in March.

Our next meeting will be September 17th at the Osborn Town Hall at 7pm. Anyone interested in joining is welcomed to attend.

Country Slickers 4-H Club by Nora



Country Slickers 4-H Meeting on September 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Greenville

The meeting was called to order and the club said pledges and introduced themselves. The treasurer's and secretary's report were completed. Discussed and voted on thank you gift for the horse demonstration at our August meeting. Discussed that 4-H enrollment has begun. There are a couple of outreach opportunities including the Kaukauna Fall Fest on September 21 and the Touch

Kid Challenge on October 5. Then, Kalin Grosskopf, the new main club leader engaged members in a discussion about the different types of democracy. Current club members voted to elect new club officers in different positions. In addition, for fun the members were able to participate in the process of democracy and vote on which treat they wanted after the meeting and what frosting and toppings it would include. Future club meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. vs. 6:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on the first Thursday of each month.

Club Corner

Fast Trackers 4-H by Halle

We started the meeting with a get acquainted activity. We made two circles and introduced ourselves to the person across from us and told them our name, grade, and school.

Edwin and Oliver gave a report on building and racing a go cart. Skyler talked to us about playing hockey the Champion Center.

Our club got 2nd place for the dairy bar awards! Thank you to all the all who helped with the dairy bar!
Herdsmanship Results: Swine-white Beef-red, Sheep-red, Goat-white

We had our annual elections for the new officers:

President: Claire

Vice President: Lola

Secretary: Evelyn

Treasurer: Clara

Reporter: Halle

Social Media: Allison

Reminders:

- Keep saving POP TABS and bring them to any meeting.
- Put out your Join 4-H signs.
- Enrollment DUE October 15th for the free t-shirt, the sooner the better.
- Sunflower/pumpkin/ contest and pop tap weigh in – Thursday Oct. 10, 4-6pm Center Town Hall.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th at 6:15pm at Ellington Hall.

Bent Arrow 4-H Club by Camilla

The Bent Arrow 4-H Club Meeting took place on August 12, 2024 at Plamann Park. The meeting was set in motion by President Braeden. Members reviewed previous 4-H events and activities such as the 4-H Base Camp and the 4-H Outpost. Members also discussed the club highway pickup which will be rescheduled for a later date. New club officers will also be elected at the September meeting. Members were also informed that Outreach opportunities will be available and will be outlined in the 4-H newsletter. President Braeden then brought up the sign display contest to promote 4-H.

After members were informed on new opportunities and events, members participated in an Olympic inspired competition. Our next meeting will be on September 9th at Belfry Hall.



CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship

The Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship committee will award scholarships to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing a Bachelors, Associate, or another accredited program. Applications are due NO LATER than March 1. More information will become available online by January 15. Remember to read through the information and instructions carefully as there are a few changes for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Vander Zanden at s.vanderzanden44@gmail.com.

Wisconsin 4-H Programs Booklet 2024-25

The Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet for 2024-25 is now available!
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/>

State programs offer valuable educational experiences that help youth develop lifelong skills and form lasting friendships. There's a spark waiting for every 4-H member in this year's offerings.

If you are a volunteer interested in applying to serve as an adult advisor for one of our state or national educational experiences, you can read about the application process and apply online.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/adult-advisors/>



4-H on Facebook and Instagram

Stay updated with our latest news and upcoming events by following us on Facebook. Join the community <https://www.instagram.com/outagamiecounty4h/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Outagamie4H>



Clothing – Make a Tote Bag Registration

Send registration to the Extension Office, Attn: 4-H, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914 by January 30.

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Age(s): _____ Phone number: _____

Club: _____



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