



UW-MADISON EXTENSION
Waupaca County

4-H FORECAST

April/May 2025

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 20-26, 2025!

National Volunteer week was established in 1974 and has become a nationwide effort to encourage people to volunteer in their communities. We are so thankful for all of the 4-H volunteers in our county. In Waupaca County 4-H we have over 150 adult volunteer leaders who serve in various roles. 4-H Volunteers are valued partners in the 4-H Program! In addition there are many youth who serve as volunteers. Behind every one of our success stories there are mentors. People who support 4-H and help bring ideas to life.

Stop by the new location of the Extension Office to pick up a treat for any volunteers.

To all youth and adult volunteers, we appreciate your time, talents, and support for 4-H!



Cloverbuds

Did you know that there are **101 Cloverbuds** in Waupaca County 4-H (grades K-2)? **We are continuing County-wide Cloverbud meetings with one on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:00-7:00 p.m., at Manawa City Hall.** The focus of this workshop will be financial basics for children. We will read a story, make a craft project and talk about needs versus wants. You will also get some play money to “purchase” items. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/uDi2J7HzzkMBC4er9>



COUNTY NEWS

4-H Summer Camp!!

- ◆ If you are in grades 3-7, save the dates of June 23-25 for Summer Camp at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.
- ◆ REGISTRATION IS OPEN IN 4-H ONLINE AND ENDS MAY 1.
- ◆ At camp you will enjoy the outdoors, team building, and making new friends with youth from Iowa, Waupaca and Portage Counties.
- ◆ A postcard was sent to all families with youth in this age group.
- ◆ Upham Woods is also offering open enrollment camps this summer. More information and registration links can be found here <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/2025/01/15/2025-summer-camp/>



Iowa, Portage & Waupaca County

4-H SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 23-25
@Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

Register Today!

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4-H Food Stand at the County Fair

The 4-H Food Stand Committee will have a meeting soon to make plans for the upcoming County Fair food stand. The food stand is a valuable fundraiser for the Waupaca County 4-H Program and help is appreciated. If you are interested in helping on this committee contact Penny for meeting details.

Record Book Pages

For members, record books are a valuable part of the 4-H experience. They are intended to help you develop lifelong skills such as:

- ⇒ Setting goals
- ⇒ Planning and organizing
- ⇒ Communicating in writing
- ⇒ Evaluating effort and progress



Once completed, members experience personal satisfaction from completing a worthwhile task.

You also have a valuable record of accomplishments that can be used when applying for awards, scholarships, college or a job! Remember to begin saving information for your record books throughout the year and to start filling out the record book pages early. Refer to the guidelines you receive with the record book pages for details about completing your record book.

Similar to last year, **printed copies of record book pages will be given to those that want them.** We will not be printing and handing out record book pages to all members as in the past unless requested through your club leader or the extension office. You can also access record book pages on the Waupaca County 4-H website here <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/record-book-pages/> . On this website there is a powerpoint that you can look at for tips and sample record book pages/project story examples. More detail about awards and recognition for record books will be included in a future Forecast newsletter. Completed record books are due to your club general leader in mid-September.

COUNTY FAIR

2025 WAUPACA COUNTY FAIR DATES: The Waupaca County Fair dates are August 20-24. The Waupaca County Fair website address is <https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/>
The updated fairbook should be posted soon and online entries are due July 1.

4-H Projects vs. County Fair Exhibits

What's the difference between 4-H projects and fair exhibits? A **4-H "Project"** is an area of interest you want to learn more about (like a hobby). This is what you sign-up for during enrollment in 4-HOnline (i.e. horse, electricity, dogs, photography, etc.). A project is intended to help you explore, learn, and practice skills in your areas of interest. Youth must choose their projects at the time of enrollment so they have plenty of time to learn about or practice with their project area before the fair.

A **County Fair "Exhibit"** is what you actually take to the fair – like the cabbage you grew, the animal you trained, or the rocket you built while exploring and learning about your projects. There may be some things you do while exploring your project area that you do not take to the fair as exhibits and that is ok. Youth sign up to exhibit at the County Fair during June/early July based on the exhibits and rules listed in the Waupaca County Fair Premium book.

LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next Leaders' Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m., Manawa City Hall.

Election results for the Waupaca County 4-H Leader Board

Thank you to all of the outgoing 4-H Leader Board members. Thank you also to all who were willing to add their name to the ballot this year for the 4-H Leaders' Board. Board members include:

- ♦ President: Amanda Pockat
- ♦ Vice President: Sara Knoespel
- ♦ Past President: Mike Much
- ♦ Secretary: Karen Acker

- ◇ Treasurer: Jenny Heise
- ◇ District I: Sarah Burmeister & Open 2 year term
- ◇ District II: Gloria Zemple & Virginia Zemple
- ◇ District III: Amy Korth & Lora Korth
- ◇ District IV: Janet Wiechert & Sue Berrig
- ◇ District V: Wayne Acker & Open 1 year term
- ◇ Youth Representatives: Kylie Heise & Hailey Burmeister

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Academy—Grades 8-11, June 16-19

Join us at the UW-Madison Campus for an exciting, hands-on experience at Summer Academy. This Positive Youth Development program helps youth explore career and hobby pathways in various fields like agriculture, STEM, leadership,



The graphic features a banner for "SUMMER ACADEMY BEYOND READY" with the Positive Youth Development Institute logo and a dome icon. Below the banner are two photos: one of a smiling man in a green shirt and another of a group of youth in life jackets on a boat. A large oval sticker shows a price change from \$600 to \$500, and a green ribbon banner states that anyone already signed up will pay the new price.

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SUMMER ACADEMY

BEYOND READY

Icons: cow, camera, truck, cup, video camera, sun, house

NEW PRICE!
~~\$600~~
\$500

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arts, and more. You'll also have the chance to build friendships and networks with people from across Wisconsin.

Registration closes April 27 in 4-H online! More information <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/summer-academy/>

Partial financial support is available from the 4-H Leaders' Board.

This year's SPARK tracks include:

- Baking & Decorating
- Civic Engagement & Local Leadership
- Agriculture & Animal Science
- Performing Arts
- Skilled Construction Trades
- The Transportation Experience
- Visual Arts
- The Water Quest



Wisconsin State Fair

State Fair is July 31—August 10. If you are interested in exhibiting at the Wisconsin State, go to this website for more information. <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/> There is an e-newsletter you can sign up for to continue getting information.



2025 Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair Applications Available

The Waupaca County Fair is seeking candidates for the position of the 2025 Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair! Applications must be submitted by Thursday, May 15, 2025. Applicants must be 18 years of age to apply. The selection process will include each, a written application, individual and group interviews, on-stage interview questions, and interactions with the judges during the Fairest of the Fair Competition in June. Attendance is mandatory for the competition with a finalized date being shared with all applicants.

The Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair serves as the official ambassador of the Waupaca County Fair, representing and promoting the Fair at events across the county throughout the

year. The Fairest also makes daily appearances during the week of the Fair and will be responsible for speeches, other community interactions and promotional events.



The Fairest program provides an opportunity for applicants to grow in public speaking, etiquette, confidence, presentations, interviews and more. To find the application for the Waupaca County Fairest of the Fair position visit <https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/fairest-of-the-fair/>, email wcfairestcoordinator@gmail.com or call Katie Loehrke, Coordinator at (715) 281-0168 with any questions.

Waupaca County Master Gardener Scholarship

The Waupaca County Master Gardener Scholarship is available to (1) anyone who is a Waupaca County high school senior or (2) a Waupaca County student who is currently attending an institution of higher learning. The scholarship recipient must be pursuing a degree or associate degree relating to Master Gardener coursework, including horticulture, landscaping, entomology, soils, forestry, or related fields. For More information and Application contact the Extension Office. Due date is Monday May 5, 2025.



4-H PROJECTS

Dog Project

The first training night for 1st year members with dogs will be Monday, May 19. The first training night for all members and dogs will start on Monday, June 2nd. Please check the calendar for the time slots based on the classes you are entered in.

The best way to stay in the loop for this project is by finding us on Facebook (Our group is called **Waupaca County 4-H Dog Project**) and requesting to join our group. If you do not have

Facebook, please let Colleen know so other arrangements can be made.

Questions about the project can be directed to Colleen Rae at 920-636-5271 or by email at colleensranch@gmail.com.

STATE 4-H DOG LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Focus on Dog Quiz Bowl

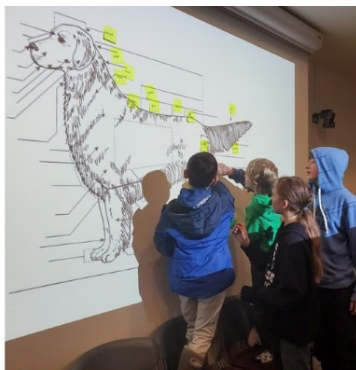
Please note this is not a Dog Bowl Contest. It is a day of fun, learning activities about dogs that can be used to practice for future contests

**May 18th
Rothschild, WI
9:30am -1:30pm
(9:00am registration)**

See post for registration information



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Horse Project

- ⇒ Mark your calendars for the next countywide horse project meetings on Mondays, April 28 and May 19 at the Manawa Elementary School Commons, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Remember, project members need to participate in at least 2 monthly meetings (January – May) to show at the fair.
- ⇒ Jumping Worknights will begin on Wednesdays, May 7 at the Weyauwega Fairgrounds, 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Waupaca County Dairy Judging

Dairy judging is an excellent opportunity to increase your knowledge of dairy cattle and practice life skills such as communication, critical thinking, and decision making. Members have the opportunity to participate locally in practice sessions and then compete at Area Animal Science Day. Please contact Penny at the Extension office to let us know of your interest in participating in Dairy Judging.



Area Animal Science Days

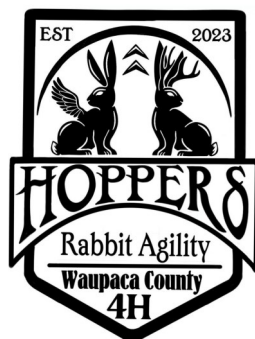
June 30 in Calumet County. Area Animal Science Day is a day-long event where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep, and swine projects increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses, and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; and oral reasons workshops. In addition, some sites may offer a variety of workshops for small animal projects too.

Waupaca County 4-H Small Animal Fun Show

Save the date for the Waupaca County 4-H Small Animal Fun Show, **July 12, 2025**. This will be held at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega with registration from 9:00-9:30 a.m. and the show from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m.

Rabbit Hopping

The first Hopper practice will be Sunday, May 18th at 6:00 pm in the red commercial building at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega, through the 3rd of August. All small pets, rabbit, and rabbit hopping members received an email with an informational packet. Follow Waupaca County Hoppers on Facebook.



2025 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops

Check out the Wisconsin 4-H website for more information on the 2025 workshops: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

Northern Workshop

Saturday, May 10, 2025, Phillips, WI

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Get certified to teach Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Registration Deadline: May 9

2025 Competitive Shoots—For more information go to:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

- ***Annual Shawano Co. All Star Shootout***, May 9-10
- ***Brown County Statewide Shoot***, May 30-31
- ***Shawano Co 4-H All Star Summer Archery Shootout***,
July 12 & ***Shawano Co 4-H All Star Summer Shootout***,
July 13

THANK YOU

- ⇒ All volunteers who helped plan and teach at **Super Saturday!** About 175 youth and adults registered with another 100 parents and teachers in attendance!!
- ⇒ Outgoing **Leader Board Members** and those elected for the Leaders' Board
- ⇒ 30 youth who participated in the 5th Annual **Lego Contest**
- ⇒ **Abbey Acker** for leading the butterfly cake zoom for 20 families
- ⇒ **General Leaders** who participated in the annual General Leader Meeting
- ⇒ Participants in the 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contest: **Charlie Meier, Paul Schultz, Peter Schultz, and Ava Gustafson.**
- ⇒ **Abbey Acker, Danielle Tank, Violet Horton, Hailey Burmeister, and Bella Havlik** for the 4-H window display at our new office location.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ♦ **Sterling Streeter** for representing Waupaca County at 4-H Space Camp



CLUB/GROUP HAPPENINGS

Ambassadors—painted a window display, helped at New Family Night and Super Saturday.

Baldwins Mill– Easter cards were made by club members for nursing home residents. The club also planned to go bowling and have an egg hunt.

Dayton Community– The club participated in a weaving project and are busy making plans for future club projects.

Norseman– Members held a club spring bingo game. They are also planning a t-shirt contest and brat fry.

Sandy Knoll– The club held a Valentine Soup dinner. They also attended a Gambler's game as a fun winter club activity.

Wolf River Rascals - The club enjoyed an open gym and pizza party and went sledding for a winter activity.

Woodland Badgers–Members collected donations for Compassionate Connections in Clintonville. They also held a club bowling/pizza party.



**4-H Forecasts are posted on our
Website or scan the QR Code**

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-newsletters/>

State 4-H Website

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

Waupaca County 4-H Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Waupaca-County-4-H-497545503725584>

Extension Waupaca County Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/WaupacaCountyUWEX/>





CALLING 4-H CLUBS!

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is seeking 4-H Clubs to show their animals to our members

**Saturday, June 7 at 9-11:30 AM
in the Quadrangle Park**

Please RSVP to Tina Ewing by June 2nd

Phone Number:

+715-258-5586 Ext. 22630

Website:

tina.ewing@dva.wisconsin.gov

Clubs will need to bring their own fencing



Penny will be sending an email soon to start gathering interest in helping at Wisconsin Farm Technology Days representing Waupaca County 4-H. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.wifarmtechdays.org/>



2025 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days at Clinton Farms

**Bear Creek, Wisconsin
August 5-6-7, 2025**

VOLUNTEER to help at the 2025 FARM TECHNOLOGY DAYS!

Join Your Friends - Meet New People - Earn Money for Your Charity/Non-profit

Call Sue at (715) 853-7544 or Email: shoeladysue@icloud.com

WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H BUS TOUR

TRIP IS RAIN OR SHINE

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Bus Trip includes:

- 📍 **Mid-Continent Railway Museum**
(guided tour and train ride)
- 📍 **Wisconsin Big Cat Rescue**
(self-guided walking tour)
- 📍 **Original Wisconsin Dells Duck Tour**
Register by 05/09/25, see details below.



4-H BUS TOUR INFORMATION

- Open to 4-H members, 4-H leaders, and members parents
- FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED - ONLY 43 seats on the school bus available! Once 43 people sign up, a wait list will be started.
- Arrive at Weyauwega High School on Thursday, June 12 between 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. to load the bus.
- Arrive back in Weyauwega at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- Parents need to attend with their children, or you need to organize a different parent to watch your child for the day.
- Bring a bag lunch, good walking shoes, money for supper and gift shops.

Cost:

- Cost is \$35/person to reserve your spot. When you get on the bus, you will get \$20/person returned. Your check won't be cashed until after the trip.
- Bus tour is supported by silent auction funds from the 4-H Leaders Banquet
- Payment is due 05/09/25. Checks should be made payable to:

Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association
Mailed to: 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

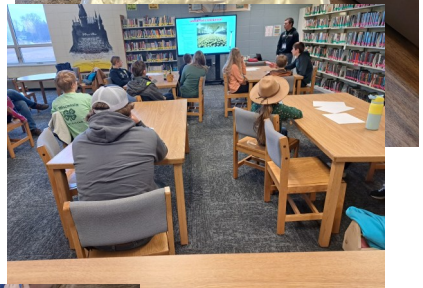
Registration link:

<https://bit.ly/Waupaca4-HBusTrip>

Or scan the QR code:



Please reach out to penny.tank@wisc.edu or 715-258-6230 for any questions.





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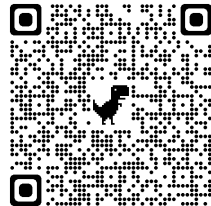
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