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Waupaca County

## July 2025 4-H Forecast



We are excited to introduce you to Abbey and Allison, Waupaca County 4-H AmeriCorps Members. They will be busy working on all things 4-H this summer! Here is a little more about each of them.

Allison - Hello, I just completed my first year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point majoring in Pre-Athletic Training and minoring in Exercise Performance. I have been in the Sandy Knoll 4-H Club for 14 years and some of the projects areas I participate in include foods, goats, animal science, art, vegetables, photography, woodworking, and youth leadership. Aside from 4-H, this summer I am excited to play soccer, continue my other job at a dairy farm, kayak, spend time with friends, and complete summer classes to get ahead on my 5 year college plan.

Abbey - Hello, I just finished my freshman year at UW Green Bay studying Art Education. I am in my 13th year of 4-H. My favorite 4-H activities have been showing projects at the county fair (foods, sewing, art, natural resources, and photography just to name a few), volunteering in my club and county, and going on 4-H trips to the east coast and Georgia. This summer I am excited to connect youth to 4-H through the upcoming library events and camps!

Remember: Junior Fair entry  
deadline is July 1st!

Find the registration link here:  
<https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/fair-book/>

### **2025 Waupaca County Fair**

The exhibit entry system is ready to go and each family received an email on June 9 with the details. Fair entries are due **JULY 1<sup>st</sup>** Exhibit questions should go to the Waupaca County Fair Exhibitor Coordinator at [wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com). The updated 2025 fairbook is located here <https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/fair-book/> The Waupaca County Fair dates are August 20-24.

### **4-H Food Stand Supervisors Needed**

The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Board is looking for individuals willing to serve as supervisors in the 4-H Food Stand to oversee the running of the food stand during the week of the Waupaca County Fair. The number of hours to work will depend on the number of supervisors and can be divided by up to 4 or 5 people for the week of fair. Supervisors will receive an honorarium from the Leaders' Board (up to \$600 divided between the number of supervisors and hours worked).

#### **A summary of the services the supervisors will perform includes:**

- a. Availability to work multiple shifts during the week of the County Fair (a schedule will be confirmed between all supervisors)
- b. Participate in orientation and training prior to the fair regarding food stand licensing requirements, operation, covid guidelines, and practices for working with 4-H youth and adult volunteers.
- c. Ensure the food stand is in compliance with license standards and that workers are following food safety, sanitation, cleaning, and other guidelines that may be in effect.
- d. Check inventory daily during the fair.
- e. Assist with proper running of food stand equipment.
- f. Oversee the worker schedule and orient youth and adults as they come to work in the stand.
- g. Communicate with the other supervisors, the Leaders' Board and other Food Stand volunteers
- h. Coordinate opening and closing of the stand each day depending on your scheduled hours

The need for these contracted supervisor positions is really during the week of the fair. Other responsibilities like initially ordering food for the stand, prep and clean up of the stand and equipment, and other pre and post fair duties are able to be covered by other volunteers. If you are interested in learning more contact [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu). If somebody is interested that is not yet a certified 4-H volunteer, this can be completed prior to the fair.

# Club HAPPENINGS

We encourage all club secretaries to send minutes to the Extension Office at [penny.tank@wisc.edu](mailto:penny.tank@wisc.edu). Even if you do not have a formal meeting and plan a service project for a month or a team building activity that is important to keep track of for club records.

## Casey Lake

Members planted seeds before the meeting. The club will be having a Food and Farm Exploration Center visit and will be attending the Vets Home with animals.

## Woodland Badgers

The club held a roadside clean up and helped Compassionate Connection pack bags. Members are planning to visit a nursing home to put together a petting zoo and bingo event. They are also planning to tour Sundrop and handout cheese curds for June Dairy Month.

## Dayton Community

The club discussed the cloverbud workshop and came up with ideas for their club fair booth and centerpiece. After they decorated puzzle pieces.

## Sandy Knoll

Members commented on their Super Saturday projects, horse project meeting, small market animal meeting, and their ceramics meeting. Members gave demonstrations after.

## Peterson Mill

The club plans to bring animals and hand out treats at a nursing home. Members are planning their barn decorations for the fair, their club fair booth, and their fair beautification entry. The club plans to help at the Iola Car Show.

## Baldwins Mill

For June Dairy Month the club is handing out snacks at the library movie night. Members completed a community service project of roadside clean-up plus maintained the flower beds and lawn at the community center.

## Tri- County

The club is planning a brat fry fundraiser and a bus trip this summer. Members are planning to volunteer to help at the Pancake Breakfast event with the Fremont Fire Department.

### **Waupaca County 4-H Graduates**

We are interested in highlighting the accomplishments of Waupaca County 4-H graduates. Members can graduate from 4-H the same year they graduate from high school or they can choose to stay in one year after high school graduation. Some graduates have already been highlighted. Youth in grades 12 & 13 will receive a reminder email in the next few weeks and will be asked to complete a google form about your experience in 4-H. We will put these together to post on Facebook.



### **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. Some club leaders have already requested pages. If you still want printed record book pages, just contact penny.tank@wisc.edu or haley.nelson@wisc.edu. You are also able to 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 early/mid-September and general leaders need to turn in to the Extension Office by September 19.

# 4-H PROJECTS

## *Wisconsin Shooting Sports Project*

If you are enrolled in shooting sports projects be sure to go to the State 4-H Shooting Sports website for the latest news and information, including certification requirements of adult volunteers and safety guidelines that need to be followed for project meetings <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingports/>

## *2025 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops*

We have many youth in Waupaca County 4-H that would like to participate in shooting sports projects and certified project volunteers are needed. 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/>

### **2025 Central Workshop, Marshfield, WI**

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 8AM – 5PM

Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol, Shotgun

Registration: **Register for the 2025 Central Workshop here**

Registration Deadline: 12:00 PM September 12, 2025

Location: Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club, 11841 Stadt Rd, Marshfield, WI 54449

## *2025 Competitive Shoots*

For more information go to:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/competitive-shoots/>

**· Shawano Co 4-H All Star Summer Archery Shootout**, July 12

**· Shawano Co 4-H All Star Summer Shootout** July 13

**Dog** project started weekly agility, obedience, and showmanship classes on Monday nights at the Fairgrounds.

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-dog-project/>

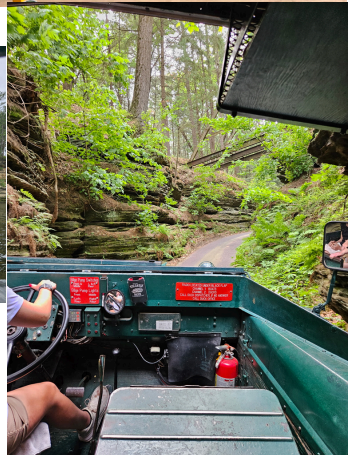
# VOLUNTEER LEADER NEWS

## *Volunteer Policy Reminders*

With summer, here are a few reminders of statewide 4-H policies that may impact activities your clubs or groups plan. This web link includes more information about each of these items.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

- The minimum standard for adult to minor supervision ratio is 1 approved adult volunteer for every 10 youth (more adults is better)
- Rule of 3—There must be at least two authorized adults and one minor, or one authorized adult and two minors, present for all programs unless the situation qualifies for or is approved for an exception.
- Transportation—Transportation to and from Extension activities is the responsibility of the participant and/or their parents/guardians. Individuals who choose to carpool to/from Extension programs assume any and all associated risks.
- Driver authorization for volunteers (for example, driving in a parade) - In situations where transportation for youth is provided as part of the Extension program, authorized adults who are 21 years of age or older and are approved to drive as part of their roles must complete the UW-Madison Driver Authorization.
- Parade policy—<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/10/4-H-Members-Participating-in-Parades-FINAL.pdf>
- Swimming—Lifeguards are required when youth are participating in swimming-related 4-H activities.
- Bus rental—buses are an excellent alternative for club or group trips where multiple families are attending. If your club or group is looking at securing a bus, contact Penny at the Extension office to work through the contract, volunteers cannot sign contracts such as this due to liability



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## 4-H AVIAN QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

**SEPT. 27, 2025**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1, 2025

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
PORTAGE, WI**

SEE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION



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If you love poultry, working as a team, and having fun - this contest is for you! Registrations are open for the WI State 4-H Avian (Poultry) Quiz Bowl Contest happening on September 27th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage, WI. Registrations close September 1st. Looking for more information about the event, registration information, or where to download the registration form? Find it at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/small-animals/poultry-project/>

Have questions about the contest? Connect with Ron Kean at [rpkean@wisc.edu](mailto:rpkean@wisc.edu)



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State 4-H Website  
The web address is <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

Waupaca County 4-H Facebook Page  
[https://www.facebook.com/Waupaca-  
County-4-H-497545503725584](https://www.facebook.com/Waupaca-County-4-H-497545503725584)

Extension Waupaca County Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/WaupacaCountyUWEX/>

## **WI 4-H STATE DOG OBEDIENCE & SHOWMANSHIP SHOW**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 15TH**

**SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SEPT. 27-28  
LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS; ANTIGO**



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# **WAUPACA CO. SMALL ANIMAL FUN SHOW**

## **WHEN:**

July 12, 2025

## **WHERE:**

Waupaca County Fairgrounds  
602 E. South St, Weyauwega, WI



Poultry and Rabbit Fun Show

Awards will be provided



Food and drinks will be available  
for purchase

All proceeds benefit the Waupaca Co.  
Small Market Animal Projects

## **Open to All Youth 3rd-13th Grade**

## **ENTRY:**

\$1 per animal

Classes are based on the Waupaca  
County Premium Fair Book

Pullorum testing will be available  
before the show. A \$1 per bird  
donation is suggested for testing.

## **SCHEDULE:**

Registration 9am-9:30am

Show 10am-approx. 1:30pm

## **CONTACT INFO:**

Crystal Retzlaff

920-604-2581

[cretzlaf@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:cretzlaf@newlondon.k12.wi.us)

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Moeller Equipment

920-493-5568

# LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next Leaders' Board Meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at Manawa City Hall.

The annual Leaders' Association Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., at Manawa City Hall. Clubs in District I (Woodland Badgers, Sunrise, Crossing Creeks) are asked to report during the meeting.

Membership and voting rights in the 4-H Leaders' Association includes youth members in grades 7 and above with at least one year of 4-H enrollment. Every approved adult volunteer 4-H leader in Waupaca County 4-H is also a member.

## The purposes of the Leaders' Association are:

- To improve, foster, promote and develop youth through the 4-H program in Waupaca County.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth and adult club leaders to coordinate their efforts.
- To accept funds for the advancement of the 4-H/Youth Development program.
- To assist in planning and carrying out the annual 4-H/Youth Development program.
- To provide an interchange of ideas, opportunities, and issues.
- To promote good public relations and service to the community.
- To establish policies.

You are encouraged to participate and help make the 4-H program the best it can be

## Thank you

- Clint Beyer for setting up dairy judging practices for the five youth attending Area Animal Science Day in Calumet County on June 30.
- Counselors and adults who helped with Day Camp—more highlights and photos will be shared in the next newsletter.

# MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

## National 4-H Congress

November 28-December 2, 2025; Atlanta, GA—Open to youth currently enrolled in Grades 9-12 (grades 10-13 for the 2025-26 4-H year).

Registration is open in 4-H Online until June 30th.

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the premiere nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Highlights include educational workshops, exploring the city, international events, community service, educational tours, and the National Congress Gala. You can learn more on our website <https://go.wisc.edu/727h67>. The cost for this program is estimated to be \$1,500 per participant. The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association offers scholarships up to half of the cost with an application and interview. After you register, you will receive scholarship details and next steps.

Registration opens soon for

# 2025 National 4-H Congress

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**ACTIVITIES**

- Educational Workshops & Tours
- City Exploration
- International Events
- Community Service
- World-Renowned Speakers
- State and Congress-wide meetings
- National 4-H Congress Gala

Estimated cost: \$1,500 per participant

Registration open in **4HOnline** from June 1-30th!

**Cloverbud Dog Project**—Cloverbuds are invited to learn about dog showmanship, grooming, anatomy, and more! Bring your own stuffed animal dog. Classes will be July 21 and 28. Class information and a registration form was mailed to Cloverbuds.



**Horse** project also has weekly work nights on Wednesday nights.  
<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/waupaca-county-4-h-horse-and-pony-project/>

### **State 4-H Horse Expo Entries**

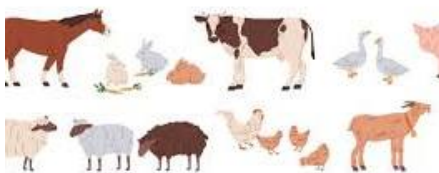
For any horse project members interested in showing at the State 4-H Horse Expo and/or the State 4-H Gymkhana Show in September, **entry forms need to be COMPLETE and submitted to Penny Tank at the Extension Office by July 8th** with checks, coggins, or whatever else is needed. This way I have time to sign and get any questions answered if needed. Entries need to be **postmarked by August 1 and need to be submitted as a county.**

### **Waupaca County 4-H Small Animal Fun Show**

Save the date for the Waupaca County 4-H Small Animal Fun Show (both poultry and rabbits), **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.

**Large Market Animal** participants are encouraged to attend the pre-fair meeting on **Thursday, July 17th** at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm. This is the meeting where details about the sale are discussed, members pick up raffle tickets, etc.

**Small Market Animal** participants are encouraged to attend the pre-fair meeting on **Thursday, July 17th** at the Fairgrounds at 7:15 pm. (or immediately following the Large Market Animal Meeting. This is the meeting where details about the sale are discussed, members pick up raffle tickets, etc.



### **Calling all 4-H Members and Parents for the Food Stand**

Plans are underway for the 4-H Food Stand at the County Fair!! Watch for more information to come out soon and volunteer to work a few hours and help the county 4-H program raise funds to continue to offer the great opportunities all year. Sign up will take place again this year through sign up genius.

### **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) throughout the whole year. 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 based on the exhibits and rules listed in the Waupaca County Fair Premium book.

### **Last Year Judges Favorite Award**

If you received a Judges Favorite Award at the 2024 Waupaca County Fair, you are eligible to enter your exhibit in the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair. Please visit the Wisconsin State Fair website at <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/>

Watch for information about a Waupaca County 4-H Photography Contest - photos will be collected for inclusion in a 2026 calendar! This will be open to 4-H youth members. Start picking out your best shots to be entered!





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