

# 2026 WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

*Dates unknown at this time are noted by TBD. Watch the newsletter for more details as events may change throughout the year. (3-5-2026)*

## JANUARY, 2026

10	4-H Open House, Waupaca Public Library
12	Gingerbread House Contest Entries Due
19	Extension Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr day
22	Waupaca County Large Animal Inc. Committee Meeting
23-25	Winter Leadership Camp – Spencer Lake
26	Horse Project Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Manawa Elementary
27	4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:30 p.m./Board at 6:30 p.m. (District III report & snack)
31	State 4-H Meats Judging Contest – UW Madison
31	4-H Family Bowling – sponsored by the Ambassadors

## FEBRUARY, 2026

1	New 4-H Enrollments Due in 4-H online
3	Large Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, Wey. City Hall, 6:30 pm
7	State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, UW-Green Bay
7	Shooting Sports Volunteer Training- West Bend
7	Large Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, Wey. City Hall, 8:00 am
12	Large Market Mandatory Meeting, Lebanon Town Hall, 6:30 pm
16	Summer Camp Counselor applications due
17	4-H New Family Night – Manawa City Hall, 6:15 pm
23	Horse Project Meeting-6:30 p.m. Manawa Elem

## MARCH, 2026

1	Wisconsin 4-H Scholarship Applications due
5	Small Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, Weyauwega City Hall
9	Small Market Animal Mandatory Meeting, Manawa City Hall
12	4-H Leader Board, 6:30 p.m., Manawa City Hall
14-15	Art Beat, Upham Woods, WI Dells
15	Large Market Animal Scholarship Application due
16	Bunny cake project learning kit zoom
21	4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon, UW-Madison
22	Summer Camp Counselor Zoom (NEW counselors only)
24	4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (District IV - snack/report)
24	General Leader Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
24-29	Citizenship Washington Focus Experience
25-29	Ignite Conference, Washington D.C.
28	Super Saturday Project Day – Manawa HS (pre-registration required)
28	YQCA – Manawa Elem., following Super Saturday
30	Horse Project Meeting 6:30 p.m. Manawa Elem.

## APRIL, 2026

1	Last day for 4-H members to change project areas enrolled in
4	Large Market Animal Tag Meeting, 9-11, Weyauwega City Hall
6	Lego Contest Entries Due online
10-15	National 4-H Conference, Washington DC
14	Dog Project Organizational Meeting, Manawa City Hall, 6:00
16	Large Market Animal Tag Meeting, 6:30 – 7:30, Wey. City Hall
17-19	Midwest Horse Fair, Madison
18	WI 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony
19	Summer Camp Counselor Training
19-25	National Volunteer Week
21	4-H Speaking & Demonstration Contest, Manawa City Hall
23	Countywide Cloverbud Workshop, Waupaca Public Library
23-27	Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama
25	National 4-H Day of Service
25	STEAM GAZE (art meets science) – grades 3-5, Wausau
25	State 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl, Green Bay
25	Shooting Sports Volunteer Training, Brown County
27	Horse Project Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Manawa Elem
TBD	Dairy Judging Practice

## MAY, 2026

2	Horse Project, KEY LEADER, Paperwork due before Unloading Horse
2	Horse Project, 8 a.m. Fairgrounds Cleanup & monthly meeting
2	State Horse Hippology & Horse Bowl contest, UW Green Bay Campus
3	State Horse Speaking & Demo contest, UW Green Bay Campus
5	Summer Camp Counselor Zoom
6	Horse Project, Jumping worknight, Fairgrounds
7	Record book clinic, countywide, location TBD
8	Summer Camp Registration Due in 4-H online
10	Large Market Animal Hair Samples due
11	Dog Project - new member meeting at Fairgrounds
13	Horse Project, Jumping worknight 6:30 – 8 p.m., Fairgrounds
14	4-H Leader Board, 6:30 p.m.
17	Rabbit Hopping start up meeting/1st practice, Fairgrounds
18	Dog Project – first training for ALL members
20	Horse Project, Jumping worknight 6:30 – 8 p.m., Fairgrounds
25	Memorial Day – Extension Waupaca County Office Closed
27	Horse Project, worknight 6:30 – 8 p.m., Fairgrounds
31	Summer Camp Counselor Zoom (with adult chaperones)

## JUNE, 2026

1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Dog Project practices, Monday nights, Fairgrounds
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3	Horse Project, Clinic, Manawa Rodeo grounds
7	Summer Camp Orientation Zoom for campers
10	Horse, worknight, 6:00 p.m., Weyauwega
TBD	Countywide Educational Day Trip
13	Small Market Animal fun show and educational programs, Fairgrounds
14-18	Summer Academy - Madison
15-17	Summer Camp, Upham Woods, WI Dells, grades 3-7
17	Horse Project, worknight, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
19-28	American Spirit Experience - East Coast
20	Large Market Animal Edu Day (beef, sheep, swine), YQCA
24	Horse, worknight, 6:00 p.m. Manawa
26-28	State Horse Hunt/Dressage Show & Clinics, Sheboygan Fair Grounds
30	Area Animal Science Day, Clark County

### JULY, 2026

1	County Fair Entries DUE ONLINE ( <i>Tentative</i> )
1	Crowley Dairy Leadership Award Application Due
1	Horse Project, Trail Worknight, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
2-4	Horse Project Volunteer/Fundraising, Manawa Rodeo Grounds
3	Extension Waupaca County Office Closed for July 4 <sup>th</sup> holiday
3-12	American Spirit Experience - East Coast
8	Explore 4-H Day for Cloverbuds and Explorers, Fairgrounds
8	Horse Project, worknight, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
13, 20	Dog Project training, Monday nights, Fairgrounds
15	Horse, worknight, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
18	Horse Project Practice Show/Clinic, 9:00 a.m., Fairgrounds
21	Small & Large Market Animal Meetings - Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
22	Horse Project, worknight, 6:00 p.m., Manawa
27	Dog Project Graduation, Fairgrounds
28	4-H Leaders' Board 6:30 p.m. AND Leaders' Association 7:30 p.m. (District V clubs report & snack)
29	Horse Project, worknight, 6:00 p.m., Fairgrounds

### AUGUST, 2026

1	State 4-H Volunteer Awards Due
1	Waupaca County Fair Foods Project Judging, Rawhide
5	Horse Project, worknight, 6:00 p.m., Manawa
6-16	Wisconsin State Fair
8	Waupaca County Fair Dog, Cat and Small Pet Judging
12	Horse project, clinic, 6:00 pm, Fairgrounds
15	Market Animal Educational Sheet Due (Small & Large)

15	Horse project – ALL requirements need to be met
25-30	Waupaca County Fair

### SEPTEMBER, 2026

1	Club/Group Financial Reports Due in Extension Office
7	Labor Day – Extension office closed
10	4-H Leaders' Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11-13	WI Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson, WI
12	State 4-H Gymkhana (Horse project), West Allis
18	Record Books / Award Forms DUE to Extension (due earlier to leader)
18-20	Horse Project – State 4-H Horse Expo, West Allis
22	4-H Leaders' Assoc. Meeting 7:00 pm, Dist. I clubs report & snack
TBD	Record Book Judging
26-27	State 4-H Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Rally Show - Antigo

### OCTOBER, 2026

4-10	National 4-H Week
11	State 4-H Dog Agility Show, Spring Valley (western WI)
TBD	4-H Arts Camp
TBD	Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower and Poster Contest
TBD	County-wide Cloverbud workshop

### NOVEMBER, 2026

1	4-H Club/Committee Charter Application Form due online
1	Volunteer Re-enrollments Due online
3	WI 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Due
6-8	State 4-H Fall Leader Forum, Stevens Point
12	4-H Leaders' Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (tentative)
14	Horse Project, State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference
15	Re-Enrollments DUE online (clubs may set an earlier due date)
26-27	Happy Thanksgiving – Extension Waupaca County Office Closed
TBD	Officer Training (or October)
TBD	Achievement Night & Leader Banquet
27 - Dec. 1	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta
30	Literature Orders Due

### DECEMBER, 2026

15	Registration deadline for State Arts Teams & State 4-H Leadership, Arts, and Agriculture Ambassadors
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