



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



4-H FORECAST

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

Sign Up to Work in the 4-H Food Stand

The 4-H food stand at the County Fair is the largest fundraiser organized by the 4-H Leaders' Board to support their 4-H program budget for the whole year. Everybody's help (members, leaders, and parents) is needed and appreciated to make it a success. There are close to 400 spots to fill in the foodstand schedule to help it run as smooth as possible. Below are ways the money raised benefits you and others in your club:

- Offset costs for Super Saturday and Day Camp
- Support up to half of the cost for summer/winter camp and educational experiences
- Provide project trainings and workshops
- Prizes for contests like the Lego, Gingerbread, and Speaking/Demo Contests
- Provide 4-H literature for club libraries
- Project, leadership, and bronze/silver/gold awards
- Volunteer leader recognition
- Offering scholarships for 4-H graduates and more!!

The 4-H Food Stand
will be open 11 am -
6 pm on Tuesday of
the fair!

Here is the link to the online sign up for shifts to work in the food stand: <http://bit.ly/4f6YMzS>

Check out page 18 for more food stand details.

Calendar of Events

August 15 - Market Animal Education Sheets Due

August 18 - Youth Building Fair Set Up, 6:00 pm & Ambassador Meeting

August 19 - Youth Building Clean Up, 10:00 am; Livestock Barn Set Up, 6:00 pm

August 20 - Rabbit & Poultry Barn Set Up, 6:00 pm

August 23 - Horse Barn Set Up/Clean Up, 2:00 pm

August 24 - Youth Building Open 3-7 pm for booth set up

August 24-31, Extension Office Closed - email or phone to reach staff

August 25 - 30: WAUPACA COUNTY FAIR

September 1 - 4-H Club and Group Annual Authorization Forms Due

September 15 - 4-H Leader Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

September 18 - Record Books Due at county level

September 22 - 4-H Leader Association Meeting, 7:00 pm

October 1 - County Record Book Judging

October 4-10 - National 4-H Week

October 10 - Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower, & Poster Contest

Notice: The Waupaca County UW-Extension office, New London, will be closed to in-person business on Fridays from August 7-October 30, 2026 due to staffing shortages and increased summer programming. Staff remain available during normal business hours by phone and email. Please plan any office visits, drop-offs, or pick-ups Monday through Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.



Hello! My name is Abbey and this is my second summer serving as an AmeriCorps member for Waupaca county 4-H. It has been a busy summer so far!

My goal is to promote 4-H and provide 4-H programming to youth across the county. To this end, my summer has been filled with a variety of activities in various communities. I planned arts and crafts sessions for both Evening Camp and Summer Camp. At the Scandinavia library I did both paper making and painting workshops. At the Waupaca and New London libraries I have done various arts and crafts programs. I have also been making project kits for some of these libraries to send home with youth.

Outside of libraries, I have also collaborated with Be Well Waupaca County, Inc and the Clintonville Compassionate Connections Center. With these collaborations I have been at the Clintonville Farmers Market and the Community Garden Story Time in Waupaca.

Looking ahead to August, I will be making more project kits for libraries and running other programs as they come up!



WAUPACA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Waupaca County Fair website: <https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/>

County Fair Entries

Each of you have a list of your entries that was emailed with your entry receipt. If you have any questions about your fair entries, email the Fair Board at wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com

Traffic and Admittance for Youth Building Exhibits

- The parking lot by the youth building will be shared by Youth Building Exhibitors AND Open Class Exhibitors on Tuesday and Sunday. DO NOT park in the Youth Building parking lot Wednesday – Sunday night (release time—5:00 pm (see page 3 of fairbook)).
- **To drop off entries on Tuesday (1 p.m. - 6 p.m.), enter gate #1, drop off entries, exit gate #2.** The number of cars allowed to park by the Youth Building is limited. As soon as you are done entering your exhibits, please move your car to another parking area.
- Paid admission for the fair begins on Wednesday. For pricing, please refer to the Waupaca County Fair website, www.waupacacountyfair.com.

Pre Fair Youth Building Prep

Tuesday, August 18 youth building set up - 6:00 pm (older youth and adults are needed to help move risers, set up tables, etc.)

Wednesday, August 19 youth building clean up - 10:00 am until about 11:30 with a light lunch served (this is a good opportunity for younger members that want to help with cleaning tables, display boxes, chairs, etc.)

Entry Day—Tuesday, August 25

All Youth Building exhibits must be entered between 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the County Fair including all non-perishable foods from the Foods Judging. Beef, **Dairy**, Sheep, Swine, **Goats**, Rabbits, Poultry) must be entered between 6:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. (NOTE: Official weigh in for market animals is between 6:00 am and noon) Horses must be entered on Tuesday before 6:00 p.m. If you have any further questions, please refer to Page 3 of the fair book.



Booth Set-Up—Monday, August 24, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All booths must be completed by noon Tuesday to be considered in judging.

Cloverbud Judging

Cloverbud exhibits will be “judged” face-to-face by a volunteer on Tuesday, August 25, from 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. Cloverbuds will receive a ribbon for each exhibit entered.

Release Times

Please do not ask to remove your exhibits early – the release times are a fair board policy. Horses are released starting at noon; all other animals are released beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Youth Building exhibits will all be released at 5:00 p.m. **The Youth Building will close at 4:30pm** – only necessary fair volunteers / staff and Superintendents allowed in the building to organize projects for release time. No exhibitors, fairgoers, etc. will be allowed in. At 5:00 p.m., JR FAIR EXHIBITORS will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds AT GATE #1 NEAR THE FAIR OFFICE, drive between the Open Class building and the fence parallel to the road, and then use the handicap parking lot to the west of the youth building for entry pick up. Once you have picked up your entries, EXIT GATE #2 near the Milk House. GATE #2 WILL BE AN EXIT ONLY GATE ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

All exhibits must be picked up from the Youth Building by 6:30pm. Any remaining exhibits left in the Youth Building after 7pm will be discarded. Please plan for someone else to pick-up your exhibits in the case you are not able to.

Fair Beautification Project for any Youth Groups

The Waupaca County Fair Board is sponsoring a Fair Beautification project open to all youth groups. **Pre-registration IS required**, there is no entry fee, register at www.waupacacountyfair.com/clubs. This project is a flower container garden (for example: wagon of flowers, wheelbarrow, etc.) The garden needs to include the club/chapter/group name somewhere. The container gardens are to be checked in at the Fair Office by 3:00 p.m. on entry day. The gardens will then be placed around the grounds and will need to be picked up between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Fair Office. Any remaining items after 7:00pm will be discarded. Each youth group entering a container garden will be awarded a prize.

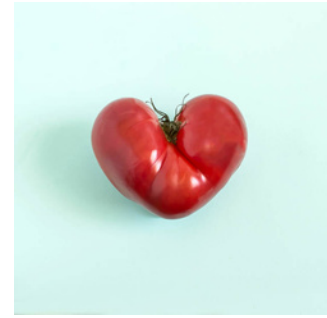
Club Table Centerpiece Contest at County Fair

All 4-H clubs have the opportunity to create a table centerpiece to help decorate tables in the youth building. Pre-registration is NOT required for this contest. The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association will sponsor a small cash award to all participating clubs. Use your creativity and enter this contest! Bring entries to the desk in the youth building on Tuesday of fair by 6:00 p.m.

Special Fair Contests

Bring your most unusual vegetables, animal made out of vegetables or fruit, dressed zucchini or recycled exhibits to the Youth Building by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of County Fair. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded from the Waupaca County 4-H Leader Board.

See page 8 in this newsletter for more information.



Grand Champion Picture Time

If you received a grand champion on any of your exhibits, a photographer will be taking pictures of those exhibits starting around **3:00 p.m. the Friday of the Fair**. If you would like to be included in the photo, please be by your exhibit (if animal) or meet by the Youth Building office station (if a project within the Youth Building). We will start taking photos in the youth building and then walk through the barns.



County Fair Plant and Soil Science Pointers

For Vegetable Exhibitors: Be sure your vegetable exhibits are clean before bringing them to the fair. Wash them carefully and dry them. Trim them according to the fair book listing. Be sure to know the variety you have grown if you choose to include on the entry tag (optional). Dig onions 2-3 weeks before the fair and let them dry. Then peel ONLY the dirty layers of skin off the onions. When bringing the vegetables to the fair pack them carefully so they don't get bruised. "Exhibiting and Judging Vegetables" A3306 explains what is recommended for exhibiting vegetables. Download a free copy at



<https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/collections/vegetables-c218/products/exhibiting-and-judging-vegetables-p763>

For Houseplants and Flowers: Remove dead blossoms and leaves on potted plants. Clean up the flower pots for both houseplants and container grown plants. If digging plants out of the ground and planting them in pots for the outdoor grown containers, plant them at least a week before the fair, if not longer, so that the plant can adjust to the soil in the pot and look better for the fair. Do not exhibit cut flowers with leaves in the water.

For Crops: Be sure that bundles are tied securely with more than one tie. Clean potatoes before bringing to the fair and pack carefully so they don't get bruised. Follow the guidelines in the fair book.

Animal Cancellations

In order to have accurate space accounted for in each barn it is very important that you report cancellations to the superintendents in each animal area you are exhibiting as soon as possible.

Animal Exhibitor Meeting on ENTRY DAY—There will be a short animal Exhibitor Meeting (besides horses) on entry day in the Multipurpose Building. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. with general information for all beef, sheep, swine and dairy exhibitors, followed by specifics for each department.

Animal Reminders

- To assist with clean up efforts, please place garbage in garbage barrels/dumpsters and be sure you are putting only manure in the designated manure disposal areas.
- Be sure Animal ID and Vet Check information forms brought to fair are filled out completely, including Premise ID and are one check-in form per species of animal, per exhibitor, per load.
- Parking passes are required for trailers left at the Fairgrounds after 8:00 p.m. on entry day, or any other time during the fair. They are available at the fair office for a cost of \$50.00 per fair season. See page 4 of the fair book.
- Barn clean up: When animals are released from the beef /dairy barn, bedding must be moved 4 feet away from the back wall. Failure to move the bedding 4 feet from the back wall will result in a \$500.00 fee to be charged to the exhibitor's club/association.

The Dairy, Livestock, Goat, and Small Animal awards

will be presented on Sunday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Building.



Market Animal

- Education forms are due by August 15 for both large and small market animal.
- Remember to bring your raffle tickets and signed buyer forms to the fair.
- Thank you's are also required of all sellers



Market Animal Sale and Buyer Hospitality—The small and large animal livestock sale will be Friday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. for all prospective buyers. Remember to turn in Ed. Point sheets by August 15th (or before). Hospitality hour will be different - Smith's Steak House catering, sellers will be assigned cheese or dessert, no set up or clean up crew. We are asking all exhibitor families to contribute the following:

Last Names A-K: Bring 6 pieces of dessert in a disposable container

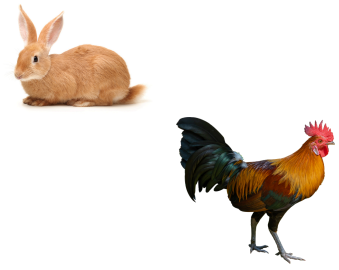
Last Names L-Z: Bring 1 lb of sliced cheese in a disposable container

IMPORTANT: No containers will be washed and saved so make sure containers are disposable. Please have your contribution in the Multipurpose kitchen area by 4 p.m. on Friday.



Rabbit and Poultry Exhibit Information

If you already know you have some rabbits or poultry that will not be coming to the fair, please let one of the superintendents know prior to pen set up or the Fair Board at wcfexhibitorcoordinator@gmail.com



Pullorum Testing, August 16

If you are showing poultry, remember to read the animal health rules in the fairbook thoroughly to be sure you bring the required paperwork necessary to exhibit poultry at the County Fair. Here is the DATCP website that talks about the different flock and testing options https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryFlockPrograms.aspx Poultry exhibitors that still need pullorum testing, mark your calendars and plan to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 16 from 8:00 - 10:00 am. Russ Montgomery will offer testing by the old show ring in the pig barn. The cost is \$1.00 per bird.

Be aware while transporting animals in extremely hot weather. Do not haul animals in cardboard boxes. Extreme temperature changes (i.e., heat to air conditioning to heat) can cause extreme stress. Less stress would be caused if just hauled in an open aired vehicle. If the weather is extremely hot, try to bring your animals in the early morning when it is cooler. Always try to have fresh water available.

Rabbit and Poultry Barn Display

Again this year, rabbit and poultry project members will have the opportunity to make a club display to be hung in the small animal barn at the County Fair. There can be one display per club for rabbits and one for poultry.



New opportunity for older youth with an interest in the dairy industry! Applications are open now until August 31 through 4-H Online. Youth ages 15-18 are encouraged to apply. Cost will be \$700 and state scholarships are available. There is also partial financial support available from the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association. Go here for more information <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-dairy-conference>

Horse and Pony Fair News and Tentative Schedule

Fair week for the Horse Project will begin on **Sunday, August 23**, at 2 pm with a MANDATORY stall setup and Potluck. Each member who plans to show their equine at Fair is required to attend. Please be prepared to help set up stalls in the red barn, wearing closed toed shoes for safety. Members are asked to bring cleaning supplies and rags in addition to wheelbarrows and shovels to fill the stalls with shavings. Everyone is also asked to bring a dish to pass along with a beverage for themselves for the Potluck meal. During this time members will confirm for classes they are participating in during the Fair show. Horse stall decorating can also take place after the meeting on Sunday.

- Fair entry day will take place on **Tuesday, August 25** from 1 - 6 pm. Members are required to show their Fair ID/Vet Form (with Premise ID # on it) to the Horse Fair Superintendents before unloading their equine.
- **Wednesday, August 26th** - Trail and Hunter Hack show
- **Thursday, August 27th** - Debra Ann Martin Horsemanship Competition
- **Friday, August 28th** - show day - starting at 8:30 am sharp! If you are in the first class, you should be in the warm up arena no later than 8:15 a.m.
- **Saturday, August 29th** - Fun/Speed Show
- **Sunday, August 30th**
 - Costume Contest
 - Pizza party and awards ceremony
 - Release at 2:00 pm - no removal of stall decorations until 2:00!! Project members and their families are expected to help tear down the stalls in the red barn on Sunday afternoon after the horses have vacated the barn.



Sheep and Wool Festival

As a part of the Sheep and Wool Festival this year, Sept. 11-13 at the Jefferson County Fair Park, there are numerous options to enter from photography to skillathons to items made of wool. Check out all of the information for Sheep and Wool Festival at <https://wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/>

SPECIAL FAIR CONTESTS, sponsored by Waupaca County 4-H

For all contests listed:

- Entries need to be dropped off in the youth building by 6:00 pm on entry day.
- Tags will be available for you to write your name, age, and club.
- All items will remain on display until Sunday release time.
- There is no limit on the number of entries one person can enter.

Four cash prizes will be sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association in each category:

1st Place - \$2.50

2nd Place - \$2.00

3rd Place - \$1.50

4th Place - \$1.00

Most Unusual Vegetable

Digging up some rather off-looking vegetables this year? Don't throw them away! Clean them up and bring them to the Most Unusual Vegetable Contest. This has been a fun contest with Fair Goers!!

Who can enter: Any 4-H Member! You do not have to be in the Vegetable Project.

Novelty - Animal made out of Vegetables or Fruit or Combination

Who can enter: Any 4-H Member, Leader or Parent! Entries should not exceed 12 inches in length or height.



Recycling Contest

Do you have a lot of stuff laying around that you don't use anymore? Don't throw it away – Recycle it and enter it in the Recycling Contest during the County Fair. Materials used to make “recycled entries” must be used materials.

Who can enter: Any 4-H Member, Leader or Parent

Dressed Zucchini Contest

Who can enter: Any 4-H Member, Leader, or Parent. Entries cannot exceed 12 inches in length or 6 inches in width when fully dressed.

Food Preservation Bulletins One Click Away

Quick—what is the hot water bath processing time for pints of dill pickles? Can I mix raspberries and blueberries in a batch of jelly? How do I know when carrots are completely dried? These and other food preservation questions can be answered by downloading the most up to date bulletins from the Extension Learning Store.

<https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/collections/food-preservation-and-safety> Click on the titles you are interested in and you can download for free.

OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Statewide 4-H Fall Forum

November 6 - November 8, 2026 at Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Fall Forum is a fun, engaging, and educational weekend for both adult volunteers and youth grades 7 and above. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Ambassadors with the support of county and state staff; promote

to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.



You won't want to miss it! Registration will open in 4HOnline from September 1st - September 15th.

More details: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

Partial registration reimbursement is available from the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association.

State 4-H Ambassador Opportunities:

Leadership Ambassador

Ambassadors will advocate for Wisconsin 4-H and engage in opportunities to build personal leadership skills and encourage others to grow their leadership potential.

Applications open October 15th in 4HOnline and are due November 15th - Cost is \$500 if selected. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/wisconsin-4-h-leadership-council/>



Visit <https://26AmbassadorApp.4honline.com> to apply!

Art Ambassador

Through Drama, Visual Arts & Communications/Media, Ambassadors will learn about leadership, interpersonal skills and how to promote the 4-H Expressive Arts.

Applications open November 15th in 4HOnline and are due December 15th.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>

Agriculture Ambassador

Ambassadors advocate for agriculture, work on/participate in statewide events, build leadership and communication skills, connect the county, regional, and state levels of 4-H. Applications due December 15th in 4HOnline - Cost is \$500 if selected.

2026 Wisconsin 4-H Arts Camp

WI 4-H Arts Camp is held October 3rd - 4th at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association will reimburse half of the registration fee, up to \$100, for Waupaca County 4-H members.

Arts Camp is a creative and welcoming space to experiment with artistic sparks and self-expression. From the morning of Saturday, Oct. 3, through noon on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Upham Woods, 4-H'ers in incoming grades 6 - 8 get to try out drawing, painting, theater, dance, music, and photography. You'll also enjoy exciting camp activities like a Makerspace, campfire fun, color group competitions, and more!

Registration is due by August 15.

More information and application link can be found at:

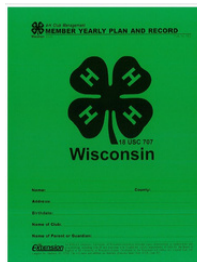
<https://26wi4hartscamp.4honline.com/>



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, you 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.

There are fillable forms online at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/record-book-pages/>

that you can fill out online and print for your record books. There are also pdf files you can print out and write or type on.

The Extension Office is still willing to mail hard copies of record book pages to families that request them. Contact Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu.

When is my record book due to my club leader? Each club sets their own date prior to turning books into the county by September 18.

Below is a listing of **County Awards**. Please talk with your General Leader for more details or call the Extension Office if you would like more information. ALL award forms and record books are due in the Extension Office on or before SEPTEMBER 18, 2026. Check the requirements of county awards before submitting your application so that you turn in all required parts. If an award requires a leader recommendation remember to ask the leader far enough in advance so they can complete the recommendation.

Name of Award	Award Description	Ages	# of Awards Given
Project Discs	Each record book is eligible to be nominated for an award in up to 3 project areas. Recipients are selected through county record book judging	Grade 3 & up	Varies
Club Secretary Award	Submit yellow secretary book with record of club activities and minutes.	----	Two
Club Reporter Award	Submit record of articles written by the reporter.	---	Two
Club Scrapbook Award	Submit club scrapbook highlighting club activities, projects and community service during the current year only.		All entries ranked
Junior and Senior Achievement Awards	Presented to 4-H members demonstrating personal, project, and leadership growth as a result of 4-H work.	Jr.- end of 7 th grade Sr.- 4-H graduate	On average, 4-6 awards
Teens in Action Award	<u>Any Club Leader</u> can nominate youth who are doing a good job in providing leadership for a local club activity or project and / or county leadership. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form.	MS/HS	Up to 4
Community Service Award	Given to members who make exemplary contributions toward community service. It is for the individual who participates actively in most, if not all, of the club's community service projects. Can only receive once as a junior member and once as a senior member.	Jr. - K-7 Sr. - 8 and above	Up to 20% of club members

American Youth Foundation Scholarship Award	Any Club Leader may nominate a member for this award. Demonstrate qualities of constructive leadership and excellence in character and personal development. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form. Youth being nominated must have completed 9th grade or above.	Must have completed 9 th grade and be between the ages of 15-18	Two
Key Award	Presented to youth who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program; developed and applied their leadership skills; and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Candidates must submit all of their available record books, an application and one leader recommendation. Youth must have 3 years of 4-H club membership and 1 year of leadership in the club or county. The Waupaca County Farm Bureau provides a scholarship to accompany the Key Award.	Must have completed 10 th grade	TBD
4-H Scholarship	Sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association. Members may apply for the scholarship the year they graduate from 4-H or the year after they graduate from 4-H, but only receive the scholarship once. The application and leader recommendation must be submitted along with all previous record books in September.	Graduating 4-H members	Up to 6
Adult Volunteer Awards	Each club has the opportunity to nominate 4-H leaders for 3 volunteer awards based on years of service (3-10 years, 11-20 years, and over 20 years)	Adult	3
Friend of 4-H	Each club has the opportunity to nominate people or businesses who contribute time, money or other resources to the county 4-H program and are not registered 4-H leaders.	---	One
Community Servant Award	This award recognizes one 4-H club each year that demonstrates exemplary service to their community.	Club	One

WISCONSIN 4-H

STATE PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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MAKE
SERVE
THRIVE**

If you have people talking to you about joining 4-H, feel free to share the following information.
You are the best way to attract new members into 4-H.

- ## **Enrollment—4-H Online**

When you are re-enrolling, be sure to check your information to make sure all the personal and project information is correct.

New Enrollments

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4-H Program Support

The Leaders' Association financially supports numerous educational efforts for Waupaca County 4-H members and leaders. These include summer camp, project workshops, Day Camp, educational travel experiences, literature for club libraries, accident insurance, and much more. Due to the costs to support these efforts, the Leaders' Board and Association request a **\$6.00 donation per member *per year***. **There is also a leader donation of \$2.00 per leader that goes to the 4-H Leaders' Association with enrollments.**

Club leaders may choose to not accept your enrollment online and make you an active member until the donation is paid.

Nobody should be denied 4-H membership for financial reasons. Needs based scholarships are available by contacting penny.tank@wisc.edu.

4-H Graduation

Members may graduate from 4-H the same year they graduate from High School, or they may choose to stay in 4-H one full year past high school graduation.

Requests for Early Graduation from 4-H

The 4-H Leaders' Association has a request form for members wishing to graduate "early" from 4-H (early means before they have completed senior year of high school). If you would like to graduate early call the Extension office for a copy of the requirements and request form. Requests must be submitted on the request form by September 1.



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://4h.extension.wisc.edu/projects/outdoor-education/shooting-sports/>



2026 Adult Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, 8 AM to 5 PM

- Central Workshop, Sept. 19, Marshfield, WI

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

ALL CERTIFIED 4-H VOLUNTEERS STOP IN
THE YOUTH BUILDING
THURSDAY FROM 1-3 PM
TO GET A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
GIFT AND LIGHT SNACKS!

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!



NOT SURE IF YOU'RE CERTIFIED?
WE HAVE A LIST TO DOUBLE CHECK!



Join us Thursday
of County Fair,
August 27!

Waupaca County 4-H
volunteers are Beyond
Ready to inspire,
encourage, and make a
difference for youth
across Waupaca County
and we want to take a
moment to celebrate
you!

On Thursday of County
Fair, stop by the Youth
Building between 1 - 3 pm
for a little volunteer
appreciation! Enjoy
some light snacks, grab
a thank you gift, and
take a few minutes to
connect with fellow 4-H
volunteers.



Saturday, October 10
Save the date for the annual
Pumpkin, Watermelon,
Sunflower, and Poster Contest.
More details to follow.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Tri-County- Members enjoyed their time on a trip to Crystal Cave and the Gouda Cheese Factory. Members are planning an August Tie-dye party and a Bingo fundraiser for October.

Norseman - The club held a brat fry fundraiser and shared about numerous summer events members are participating in. They also planned a booth at the Corn Roast.

Casey Lake - Members enjoyed their time at the petting zoo and were invited to help place flags at King for Memorial Day. They are busy working on the billboard and other fair projects.

Club Fundraisers

Please remember that club fundraisers should be conducted to reach a certain goal; there should be a plan and reason for raising a certain amount of money. Contact the Extension Office with any questions or for more information.



Community Service Opportunities

As many high schools are moving to a model that requires community service as part of graduation, there are several opportunities for youth to earn hours in 4-H towards their requirement. Consider the community service projects your club votes to do and who is helped by these projects. Being a counselor or older youth helper at county events is another possibility along with helping out at the fair and in the 4-H Food Stand. These are great ways to get involved in the community and continue helping as you get older in the 4-H program.

Leaders' Board and Association Meetings

The next Leaders' Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Leaders' Association Meeting will be on September 22, at 7:00 p.m., Manawa City Hall. Clubs in District I (Krossing Creeks, Sunrise, Woodland Badgers) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing.



Help Us Plan the Future of 4-H!

During the next 6-8 months, Penny Tank, 4-H Program Educator, will be conducting a program needs assessment, which is simply a process for gathering feedback about the interests, needs, and priorities of our members, families, and volunteers. Your input will help us understand what's working well, identify gaps and opportunities, and guide decisions about future programs, events, and resources. By sharing your perspective, you'll help ensure that 4-H continues to provide meaningful experiences for youth throughout our county. Watch for more information about the variety of ways both youth and adults can participate.



- To the youth who participated in Summer Camp on June 15-17 at Upham Woods
- Counselors and Adults from Waupaca County who helped Summer Camp run great! – Abbey Acker, Allison Knoespel, Jake Flocker, Sara Knoespel, Deb Schneider, Annette Spieth, Eli Zempel.
- Youth and adult helpers for “Fun at the Fairgrounds” Day Camp.
- Volunteers who coordinated the Rabbit and Poultry Fun Show and youth that participated on June 13
- Abbey Acker for serving as a 4-H AmeriCorps member this summer and leading programs at multiple public libraries, planning projects, offering project workshops, and so much more!
- Deb Schneider and Brooklyn Butzin for organizing the cloverbud cat workshop.
- To all the youth and adult volunteers who have supported a wide variety of project areas.
- Deb Schneider, Abbey Acker, and Sophie Stueck for teaching the Art Spark workshop.
- All who planned and attended the County Trip to Heritage Hill in Green Bay.



- All High School Graduates.
- Micah Postel for traveling on the American Spirit Experience.
- To all Dairy Judging participants at Area Animal Science Day in Neillsville - Hailey Burmeister & Danielle Tank, senior judging team; Owen Burmeister, Bryce Burmeister, and Bella Havlik, junior judging team (placed 3rd as a team and are competing at state in Madison). Bryce Burmeister also placed 1st as an individual! Josh Tank participated as a leads person showing the dairy animals.



Food Stand Information

Listed below is a summary of guidelines the food stand workers are asked to follow. **Thank you** to everyone that is helping to make this a successful fundraiser. More volunteers are needed to fill shifts or the food stand may have to open later or close earlier than normal. Please check your email for the shift sign up information that was emailed to all families.

- When working, hats must be on—with hair tied back. Bring a hat from home or paper hats will be provided for you. Hat, hair net, or hair restraint **required** in the kitchen. Hat, hair net, or hair restraint **recommended** in the counter area.
- Wear clean and appropriate clothing. Looking neat is important.
- For safety and sanitation reasons, there will be no sleeveless shirts/tank tops/muscle shirts allowed in the kitchen. All shirts must have some type of short or long sleeve (extra t-shirts will be available if somebody needs one).
- For safety and sanitation reasons, all shoes worn in the kitchen must be closed toe and heel. Tennis shoes with a back are the preferred footwear. No crocs, flip flops, or sport sandals with any openings will be allowed.
- If working in the barn before your food stand shift, be sure to change clothes and wash hands/arms thoroughly before entering the food stand.
- Workers must be at least 8 years old to work behind the counter. Cloverbuds under 8 are able to clean tables and help outside of the counter area.
- Older youth and adults working in the kitchen need to be 14 years old and older (to wash trays, wrap sandwiches, run ice cream machines, etc.) 16 years old and older required for the grill and fryers.
- In return for volunteering in the food stand, workers will be given 1 food coupon for \$9.00 after the completion of a 4 hour shift. OR -- if someone is only able to work a 2 hour shift, will receive a \$4 coupon, at the end of their 2 hour shift.
- Parents/adults who are not certified 4-H volunteers are also needed to help fill shifts, especially in the kitchen. As the schedule fills in, the committee just needs to be sure there is a certified leader in the kitchen at the same time. They will be covered by some accident insurance, but not liability insurance.
- Be attentive and concentrate on the customers – this helps to remember to give the change, give the correct order to the correct person, and see who is next in line for ordering.
- Workers are to write out all orders. The committee is continuing with the number system to assist in getting food to the customers. Each customer will receive a number and that number will need to be written on the top of the order slip.
- One cashier/leader per shift will be in charge of adding up amounts on order slips and making change!
- Be polite to both the customers and those working with you. Always THANK customers for their purchases.
- It is the responsibility of the closing shift to stay and help with clean up, and prep for the next morning. Depending on how busy you are, the grill could go off prior to completely closing the stand and clean up could begin while still waiting on customers.
- Non 4-H youth members cannot work in the food stand due to insurance coverage.
- When you get to the food stand for your shift, please review the task lists for the kitchen (hanging on the walk-in cooler and on a hook by the walk-in freezer) or at the counter there is a checklist by the cashier.



Visit the Wisconsin 4-H Policies webpage for policy details during the year:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>



County Fair website -
<https://www.waupacacountyfair.com/>

If you have questions about a project area and there are not others in your club in the project, please contact the Extension Office for contacts / leaders willing to help countywide.

Check your email inbox for the Wisconsin 4-H Newsletter every few months. This is a good source of information across the state and includes announcements, highlights, and more.



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