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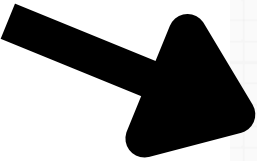
4-H FORECAST

Calendar of Events

OCT - NOV 2026

This summer was filled with a wide variety of 4-H events, activities, and project workshops. We are excited to be continuing this fall with more 4-H opportunities! See below for upcoming dates and please contact the Extension Office with any questions or if you would like more information. Also check out the next few pages for registration links.

- October 4-10, National 4-H Week, great time to promote 4-H (see page 3).
- October 10, Horse Show at Fairgrounds (see page 10)
- October 10, Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower, and Poster Contest
- October 12, 6:00 p.m.—Small Market Animal Start Up meeting at the Manawa City Hall
- October 17, 9:00 - 11:30 am - Leadership Day & Fall Kick Off, Clintonville High School
- **October 19-23 - Extension Waupaca County Office CLOSED for move back to Courthouse**
- October 26 - Extension Office re-opens in the lower level of the Courthouse in Waupaca
- October 30, 4-6:00 p.m.—4-H booth at Waupaca's Halloween on Main Street Event
- November 1, Youth members re-enrolled are eligible for a 4-H t-shirt drawing!
- November 1, 4-H Adult Volunteer re-enrollment due
- November 6-8, Fall Forum in Stevens Point
- November 10, 6:45 p.m.—Awards Night at the Grandstand Pavilion at the Fairgrounds
- November 14, 4-H Leader Banquet at Northwinds in Marion,
- November 15, member re-enrollment due in 4-H online
- November 15, club promotion entries due for pizza party drawing
- November 16, 6:00 p.m. Small Market Animal Annual Meeting, Weyauwega
- November 17, Ambassador Applications Due (grades 7 & above), see pg. 5-6
- November 17, 6-7 pm—Cloverbud workshop, Lebanon Town Hall (New London)
- November 27-28, Extension Office closed
- November 27 - December 1, National 4-H Congress in Atlanta

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New Location

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Mark your calendars and join us!

WAUPACA COUNTY 4-H

YOUTH AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:45 pm in the Grandstand Pavilion at the Fairgrounds in Weyauwega

4-H LEADERS' BANQUET

Saturday, November 14, 2026 (dinner at 7:00) at Northwinds Banquet Hall in Marion. An invitation with more details will be mailed to all 4-H volunteers.




Waupaca County



4-H



RE-ENROLLMENT DRAWING



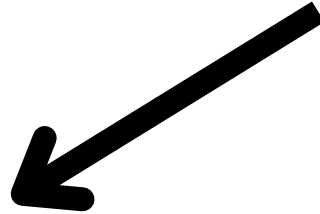
Current youth 4-H members who re-enroll by November 1 will be entered into a t-shirt drawing. Five names will be randomly selected and you will have a choice of one of the three t-shirts pictured here.

Re-enroll now for your chance to win a 4-H t-shirt!

Re-enroll through 4-H online at

<https://v2.4online.com/>

Youth members:
Remember to re-enroll by
November 1 for your
chance to win a 4-H t-
shirt.



Club leaders and
youth officers are
invited to attend. Join
us for this first time
event with Shawano
County 4-H!



Join us for the first Shawano & Waupaca
County 4-H Leadership Day & Fall Kick
Off! Club & Group leaders and youth
officers from both counties are
encouraged to attend!

Leadership Day & Fall Kick Off

- Gain Tips, Tricks, & Tools for meetings
- Learn officer duties
- Strengthen Youth Adult Partnerships
- Share ideas across counties
- Get excited for the new 4-H year
- FREE Resources & Give Aways

Saturday, Oct, 17
9:00-11:30 am,
followed by lunch,
Clintonville High School



Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4H101726>

Questions?

Contact megan.suehring@wisc.edu, 715-526-6136
or penny.tank@wisc.edu, 715-258-6230



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4-H members grade 7 and up are invited to Winter Leadership Camp, January 15-17, 2027 at Spencer Lake in Waupaca! Join youth from many other counties. The cost for Waupaca County campers will be \$95.00.

Register in 4-H online.



The poster features a winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees and a mountain peak in the background. A large snowball is positioned over the word "snow" in the title. The 4-H clover logo is in the top right corner. The text "snowball effects" is in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "BUILDING LEADERSHIP FROM THE GROUND UP" is in a smaller, bold, blue font. The main title "WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP" is in a large, bold, blue font. At the bottom, there are four icons: a calendar, a location pin, a group of people, and a dollar sign. Each icon is followed by text: "JANUARY 15 - 17, 2027", "SPENCER LAKE CAMP • WAUPACA", "FOR YOUTH GRADES 7 & UP", and "\$95 for Waupaca Cty". A small line of text at the bottom reads: "The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law."

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BUILDING LEADERSHIP FROM THE GROUND UP

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The poster has a green background with white and yellow text. The title "Join Us NATIONAL 4-H WEEK" is in white, and "October 4-10, 2026" is in yellow. A circular photo shows four people standing behind a table with pumpkins. A diagonal banner in the top right corner says "Are you beyond ready to join 4-H?". A list of events is on the left. At the bottom, there are logos for 4-H and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension, and a URL. A small plant icon is in the bottom right corner.

Join Us

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10, 2026

Are you beyond ready to join 4-H?

- **Sunday, Oct. 4** - 4-H Booth at Clintonville Farmers Market, 11 am-3 pm
- **Go Green Monday** - show your 4-H spirit by wearing green
- **Tuesday Trivia** - look for a 4-H trivia question on the facebook page for Waupaca County 4-H. Closest answer in chat wins a prize!
- **Walk-In Wednesday** - 5:30 - 6:30 pm - stop by the Extension Office at 111 W North Water Street in New London for light snacks, crafts, and an opportunity to learn more about 4-H
- **Thankful Thursday** - thank a 4-H volunteer, share something you are thankful for in 4-H
- **Friday Fun Day** - tell others what you enjoy most about 4-H?
- **Saturday, Oct. 10** - Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower, and Poster Contest, Weyauwega City Park

Learn more about Waupaca County 4-H
@<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/>

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YOUR CLUB COULD WIN A

PIZZA PARTY

During the months of September-mid November, promote 4-H by making a club flyer, posters or a window display in the community, planning a 4-H T-Shirt day or club/school open house, etc. Submit pictures, screen shots of a facebook post, and/or detailed write-up by November 15 to Penny. Your club will be entered in a random drawing to win one of 4 pizza parties (up to \$50.00 each). The pizza party will be held at a future club meeting/event. Entries may also be shared on Waupaca 4-H Facebook.

Sponsored by the Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Board.

Submit entries to
penny.tank@wisc.edu by
 November 15.

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Is your club interested in winning a pizza party (up to \$50)? Be sure to send in a photo and/or write up about promotion your club did for your chance to win!

Waupaca County 4-H Ambassadors

Mission Statement: Waupaca County 4-H Ambassadors will work together as role models to grow leadership, promote involvement, and inspire learning and fun.

Who:

- ❖ 4-H youth in 7th grade or above

Benefits:

- ✓ Meet other members and leaders outside of local club
- ✓ Participate at a county level
- ✓ Personal development, leadership development
- ✓ Life skill development (communication, planning & organizing, responsibility, teamwork)
- ✓ More responsibility outside of club
- ✓ Wider understanding of 4-H
- ✓ Positive feelings as an individual about promoting 4-H and other accomplishments
- ✓ Increased involvement in 4-H and community



What do we do?:

- It is expected that each Ambassador will participate in at least two opportunities each year (in addition to ambassador meetings)
- Ambassador meetings – attendance expected (meetings are planned based on the best time indicated by the current group – ideally every other month)
- Supporting county 4-H programs through a variety of assistance (planning, organizing, promoting, hosting, emceeing, teaching, etc.). Examples:
 - Promotion / 4-H programs during County Fair
 - Elementary School open house, radio program, or other 4-H promotion
 - Attend community events to promote 4-H
 - Ambassador Fundraiser (as needed)
 - Community Service with Ambassador group
 - 4-H Club visits (in addition to your own club)
 - Teach at Super Saturday, Officer Training, Day Camp, New Family Events, Cloverbud workshops, Record Book Clinic, etc.
 - Assist at a county event like Achievement Night
 - Participate in older youth/family events planned or sponsored by Ambassadors (bowling, kickball, ice skating, etc.)
 - Help with fair preparation (for example, youth building set up, painting, etc.)

How to apply?:

- ❖ Interested in becoming an Ambassador? Complete a county application** and interview (November/December)
- ❖ Brief letter of recommendation from a club leader (1-2 paragraphs) – emailed to Penny

**Application is on the back of this page, due November 17.

Waupaca County 4-H Ambassador Application *(grade 7 and above)*

In addition to this application form, please ask a leader in your club to provide a brief (1-2 paragraph) recommendation about your qualifications and interest in being an ambassador. This can be emailed directly to penny.tank@wisc.edu or you can submit with your application. An interview date will be confirmed after applications are received.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club: _____

Projects you were enrolled in the last year or two of 4-H: _____

4-H activities and events you participated in the last year or two of 4-H (besides fair):

Why would you like to become an Ambassador?

What are skills you have been able to develop and / or utilize through your 4-H involvement?

What is one goal you would set for yourself as an Ambassador for this coming year?

Do you have any new ideas you would like the Ambassadors to consider?

Explain your favorite 4-H project or activity (what is it and why is it your favorite):

List any activities you are involved in outside of the 4-H program (school, church, etc.):

Wisconsin 4-H

AMBASSADOR TEAMS

Applications Now Open

Leadership Ambassadors Grades 9-12

Arts Ambassadors

- Arts Team
- Drama Company
- Photo Fanatics

Agriculture Ambassadors

Outdoor Ambassadors

Apply until
Nov. 15



Do you have a special interest in art, agriculture, outdoors, or leadership?

Apply to the Wisconsin 4-H Ambassador Teams!

Ambassadors get unique opportunities to represent Wisconsin 4-H, develop leadership skills, and contribute to statewide programming. Apply to join the Arts, Leadership, Agriculture, or **NEW Outdoor Ambassadors** depending on what inspires you most. Youth must be in grades 9-12 to apply!

Applications open now and until November 15th! Learn more and apply here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/wi-4-h-ambassador-team/>

You can help promote Wisconsin 4-H when you buy your Shop 4-H gear!

Wisconsin 4-H Positive Youth Development earns a portion of the proceeds when you use our affiliate link .

This supports Wisconsin 4-H programs and the youth they serve. You can use and share the link to help create more opportunities for 4-H'ers across the state!

Use this link to get yours today:
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- ➔ Get your Shop 4-H gear today!
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Telling Others about 4-H

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.

4-H is an educational youth development program conducted by UW-Madison - Division of Extension. The four H's are head, heart, hands, and health. That means we are committed to providing opportunities for youth to learn life skills like decision-making, problem solving, caring for others, generosity, making healthy choices, and more.

4-H involves youth in project-based education. Through project learning, youth can explore their interests ("sparks") and master new skills. 4-H projects are meant to be hands on to create a memorable learning experience. Since 4-H started in the early 1900s, youth have learned by doing. This hands-on process allows youth to understand not only how to do something but also why they are doing it.

4-H is open to youth in grades K-13. Parents and adults are encouraged to volunteer and be leaders. 4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in Wisconsin.

By being a Waupaca County 4-H member you can enroll in projects, help organize programs, carry out community service activities, participate in club, county, state, and national events and workshops, exhibit at the fair, keep a record book, elect club officers and conduct meetings with guidance from other youth and adult volunteer leaders.

4-H Online Enrollment



Re-enrollment will be done using the 4-H Online system again this year. Go to <https://wi.4honline.com/> to re-enroll.

When you are re-enrolling, be sure to check your information to make sure all the personal and project information is correct. Please use an **email address** for your account that you check/utilize as this is a main way that information about 4-H opportunities gets to families!

Volunteer re-enrollment is due by November 1. Youth re-enrollment must be completed online by November 15, 2026. Re-enrollments completed after November 15 will NOT be eligible to show in the following Waupaca County Junior Fair as a 4-H member.

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; **HOWEVER**, in order to participate in the 2027 Waupaca County Junior Fair, enrollments need to be completed by February 1, 2027.

County Programming Support

The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association supports numerous educational efforts for Waupaca County 4-H members and leaders. These include camps, project workshops, Day Camp, educational experiences, literature for club libraries, accident insurance, and much more. Due to the costs to support these efforts, the 4-H Leaders' Board/Association asks for a donation of \$6.00 per member and \$2 per leader when you enroll in the program. This is collected at the club level and one check is sent to the 4-H Leaders' Board.

Needs Based Scholarships



If families have difficulty paying for 4-H programs, events, and activities at any time of the year they should reach out to the Waupaca County 4-H Program Educator, Penny Tank, at penny.tank@wisc.edu or 715-258-6230 to discuss the availability of needs based scholarships. Requests will be kept confidential.

2027 4-H Calendar of Events

The 4-H Leaders' Association will approve the calendar in January. If you have suggestions or concerns about event dates please provide them in writing to the Extension office by November 15, 2026 so they can be considered.



4-H Parents Pledge:

I pledge my head to give my children the information I can, to help them see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my heart to encourage and support my children no matter whether they have successes or disappointments.

I pledge my hands to help my children's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my health to keep my children strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for our club, our community, our country, and our world.

Educational Experience Scholarships Available

If you are a youth in grade 6 and above and interested in traveling with 4-H watch for more information about the following opportunities for 2027 or visit:

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

The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association budgets funds to support members through financial scholarships (up to 1/2 of trip cost). There is an application and interview process that will take place after registration for each experience closes.

- **Beyond WI-Exploring the Midwest** - grades 6-8, Feb. 11-15, 2027 - St. Louis, Missouri (registration opens in 4-H online October 26)
- **National 4-H Conference** - grades 10-12, April 2027 - this experience is a state level application and there is a small group of youth selected from the whole state (registration opens October 15)
- **American Spirit**—grades 8-10, June 25-July 3, 2027 (registration opens in 4-H online on November 1).
- **Space Camp**—grades 6-8, April 30-May 2, 2027, Huntsville, Alabama (registration opens in 4-H online November 16)

Wisconsin 4-H Horse Conference



Registration is open for the 2026 WI 4-H Horse Conference. This is a conference for people only (do not bring your horse) - there will be information you will learn about horses and leadership. The date is Saturday, November 14 at UW River Falls and the cost is \$75 per person. Register in 4-H Online by October 28. More information <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/>



HORSE Show

 **OCTOBER 10TH**

 **8:00 AM**

 **FAIR GROUNDS**

Open to the Public!

 **NO GATE FEE** |  **PARK ON THE FAIRGROUNDS**

The Waupaca County Fair horse show/judging postponed from the fair is coming up on Saturday, October 10! Come on out and see what our youth have been working hard on all summer. There is no cost to attend.

4-H Ambassador Applications

If you are in grade 7 and above and interested in becoming an Ambassador, working with other older youth, promoting 4-H, or helping at county events, please complete an application by November 17. Included in this newsletter is an information sheet about the Ambassadors (page 5) and the application can be found on page 6 or at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/4-h-youth-ambassadors/>

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Summer Camp 2027



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for 2027 4-H Summer Camp!! The dates will be June 28-30, 2027 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. Camp will include Waupaca, Portage, and Iowa Counties. We will be accepting counselor applications in a few months, so watch for those details.

Small Market Animal Meeting

- The Small Market Animal Committee start up meeting will take place on **Monday, October 12 at 6:00 pm at Manawa City Hall**. 2026 Small Market Sellers will receive their check at this meeting. There will also be a light supper.
- The Small Market Animal Committee annual meeting will take place on: **Monday, November 16, 6:00 p.m., Weyauwega Municipal Building (City Hall) on Main Street**

The bylaws and sale rules will be reviewed at the start up meeting and prepared for a formal vote at the annual meeting on November 16. In order to be a voting committee member for the coming project year, you need to be an enrolled 4-H member or 4-H volunteer and attend one of these meetings. Youth and adults involved in FFA and other youth organizations are welcome to participate in Small Market Animal, you are just not able to be voting committee members. Please note the October and November dates are NOT the mandatory meetings to sell next year, those details will come out in the spring.

Leader Enrollment

All ADULTS who plan to be project and activity leaders in the county / club MUST register and complete a required leader training (annually) and a background check (every 2 years) in 4-H online to be covered by insurance and be approved in the enrollment system to be in custodial care of youth. There are numerous projects offered to members and it would be great to have more leaders to help throughout the year with project meetings and events.

Leaders Association Looking for Committee Members

The 4-H Leaders' Association has a variety of committees that have accomplished great things over the past years and continue to do excellent work for the 4-H program. If you are a youth or adult interested in things such as planning county activities (Super Saturday, county bus trip, demonstration contest), publicizing 4-H, balancing the yearly budget, planning Officer Training, reviewing record book pages, helping with the 4-H Food Stand, working with county awards and trips, and many other things call Penny at the Extension Office for more information.



Accident Insurance Coverage for 4-H Events

Enrolled 4-H members and approved leaders are covered for accident insurance. The events that are covered are planned 4-H group events/meetings with adult supervision. Meetings/Events need to be on the club, project, or county calendar or in club minutes. Two people is not a group (for instance—one project leader and one member) and therefore is not covered by the accident insurance. If you are in a club situation where you have only one member and leader in a project please contact a club near you to work together or do the project work at a monthly club meeting when there are more people involved. Please keep this in mind for the safety of all our members and leaders. Also remember that non 4-H members are not covered by 4-H accident insurance. Clubs need to take out special activity insurance for club events where there will be non 4-H members participating in order for non 4-H members to be covered by the accident insurance. If you have any questions about accident insurance ask your General Leader or call the Extension Office.

Wisconsin 4-H Policy Updates Annually

Wisconsin 4-H operates within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the University of Madison Division of Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. These policies are established to ensure the educational and administrative integrity of all Wisconsin 4-H programs and activities administered by 4-H staff and 4-H volunteers. Wisconsin 4-H Leadership is committed to supporting staff and volunteers by writing clear and simple policies that will standardize Wisconsin 4-H safety and risk management practices. All policies can be found here (updates are shared annually in the fall) <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

Club Meeting Tips



Seating Arrangement: At 4-H Club meetings, have the members sit as a group, in front of the room near the club officer table. Parents should also be asked to sit as a group, in the back of the room or along the side and act mostly as observers. The club officers and members should be encouraged to conduct the business meeting as much as possible by themselves, with minimal assistance from adults. This is how we develop leadership and decision – making skills in youth.....by having them learn to conduct their own meetings and vote on issues. This seating arrangement encourages kids to conduct their meetings independently.

Be courteous at all times! The only person who should be speaking during 4-H business meetings is the club president OR the person recognized to speak by the club president (the person who has “the floor”). Although many meetings go well, other times there can be a “chatter” issue with members and parents during club meetings. When everyone cooperates, the president will not need to use the gavel as often and your meetings will run more efficiently, get done sooner and everyone will hear what is being discussed. Then you’ll have more time for the other two parts of your meeting— education and recreation.

Accept majority rule! When a vote is taken, but doesn’t go the way you wanted, do NOT react in a sarcastic, angry or sour manner. Remember, everyone has different opinions. After a vote is taken, we all have to work with the outcome and do the best we can by it. Sometimes a vote will go the way you wanted, and sometimes not.

Club Highlights

One reminder for club secretaries is to send a copy of monthly minutes to the Extension Office. This can be emailed to penny.tank@wisc.edu. If you have questions please ask. Below are club highlights:

- **Norseman 4-H** - club members had a booth at the Scandinavia Corn Roast, played Bingo at the Iola nursing home and planned to make rootbeer floats at Iola Assisted Living.



Congratulations to the Waupaca County 4-H Junior Dairy Judging Team that made it to state after placing at Area Animal Science Day in Neillsville: Bryce Burmeister, Bella Havlik, and Owen Burmeister! The team placed in the top 5 in one class and Bryce placed 2nd out of all individuals!! Hailey Burmeister also participated as a cattle show person.

Thank you to all of the youth and adults that worked shifts in the 4-H Food Stand at the County Fair! The Food Stand was a success again this year due to all of your help.



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Another fun 4-H promotion idea - Bookmarks made for National 4-H Week!

Remember to write thank you notes for any fair or project awards you received! People give because they want to support you and sometimes receiving a thank you note is the difference between donating again!





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Events will be conducted in English. You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language and/or format, and/or other services to make events more accessible. Contact us at penny.tank@wisc.edu. Make your request at least 25 days before an event so there is enough time to make sure everything is ready for you. There is no added cost to you for these services.