



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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With our busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to

find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. Doing good for others and the community, provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness. It brings fun and fulfillment to your life. Please consider sharing your time and talents with our youth and enroll as a 4-H Volunteer today. Enrollment is easy, through your 4HOnline family account! Share this thought with others in our community as well!

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Extension Pepin County conducts educational programs and provides educational information in 4-H youth development, family living education and agriculture.

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<http://wi.4honline.com/>

Every month we will hide a special symbol somewhere in that month's Pacer. If you are the first person to call (715) 672-5214 or email (gwen.prom@wisc.edu) the Extension Pepin County and tell us where that symbol is found you will win \$5 and be named in next month's Pepin Pacer as the "4-H Fast Finder".

Good Luck Hunting!

This is this month's symbol :





**DISCOVER
4-H CLUBS**



Chippewa 4-H Club

Typically meets 2nd Sunday of month.

Contact Nicki Moline @

715-442-5371



Lima Lads & Lassies 4-H Club
Typically meets 3rd Sunday of month.

11:00 a.m., Durand City Hall

Contact Wendy Brantner @

715-495-4472

Yes, 4-H and Extension is open...to ALL people.

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Enroll As An Adult Volunteer

Adult Volunteers including activity leaders, project leaders, and anyone else who may lead something even at the club level must be enrolled. For the safety and insurance coverage, please enroll.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

Eleanora Davidson

Congratulations for being our
4-H Fast Finder this month!

We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !



Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting
April 11, 2024
@ 5:30 pm
Government Center, Board Rm #108, Durand

ALL Pepin County 4-H Parents, Leaders, and Youth Leaders you are welcome to attend the Parent/ Leaders Federation Meetings. Take part in determining how the money raised is spent and what activities Pepin County 4-Hers will participate in. Your voice will be heard.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Interim 4-H Program Educator

Gwen Prom has accepted an interim position with UW-Madison Extension to help bridge the gap until a Pepin County 4-H Program Educator is found. Please contact her with questions/problems regarding the 4-H Program.

715-672-5214 / 715-279-0247 gwen.prom@wisc.edu



Get ready to put a smile on your plate because April 6 is National Food Faces Day! This fun and quirky holiday encourages people to get creative with their meals and turn them into works of art. From cute animal faces made out of fruits and vegetables to elaborate designs using different types of food, there are endless possibilities when it comes to creating food faces. So gather your ingredients and let your imagination run wild on this tasty and playful holiday! Submit a picture of your creation to share in our next 4-H Pepin Pacer!

Our first community service project for the year was working the concession stand at the Pepin County Humane Society Craft Sale. Nick and Leah are old pros at the event as they have helped with it for several years. They really enjoyed having new members of our club join them at this event and work together to serve food.



4-H members working together. Alivia, Kayden, Oakley, Jacey, Leah, Nick.



4-H community service opportunities empower young people to be actively engaged in their communities and the world. Youth learn life skills that will help grow 4-H youth into true leaders valuing the importance of community engagement, building a sense of compassion, confidence and pride.

EARTH DAY

Pepin County 4-H is sponsoring a contest in support of EARTH DAY, April 22. All Pepin County or Buffalo County 4-H members can participate. Show us what Earth Day means to you. Extra points given for originality and ideas related to the 2024 World Earth Day theme “Planet vs Plastic”. To enter, send a photo of your project/activity and explanation of how this relates to Earth Day to gwen.prom@wisc.edu.

The contest will run from April 1 to April 22 . Photos submitted will be shared on the Extension webpage.



EXPERIENCE PERFORMING ARTS

THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H
PARENT LEADER FEDERATION
WILL REIMBURSE (REGISTERED/APPROVED)
4-H MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS UP TO \$10
ON LIVE PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS.

EVENTS HELD AT PLACES SUCH AS THE EAU CLAIRE
CHILDREN’S THEATRE, PABLO CENTER, WIDESPOT,
SHELDON THEATER, BIG RIVER THEATRE, MENOMONIE
THEATRE GUILD OR OTHER LIVE PERFORMING ARTS
EVENTS.

EVENTS MUST BE ATTENDED AND RECEIPTS SUBMITTED TO
GWEN.PROM@WISC.EDU
BEFORE JUNE 1, 2024. ONLY
1 REIMBURSEMENT PER PERSON.

The **Lima Lads and Lassies** held their monthly meeting this past Sunday at the Durand City Hall. We hopped right into our activity for the meeting. We purchased Easter baskets and grass from St. Vincent's in Durand along with activity books, crayons, pencils, stickers and lots of candy and filled 50 Easter baskets to donate to the Durand Food Pantry just in time to be distributed for Easter. With so many kids in our club it took us no time at all. The food pantry was kind enough to open up so we could walk the baskets right over to them. Enjoy!



THANK YOU 4-H VOLUNTEERS!



Thank you to the volunteers who have made contribution to the 4-H community!

**4-H VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 21-27, 2024**

Our 4-H Volunteers:

Chippewa Club 4-H Leader -

Nicki Moline

Lima Lads & Lassies Club Leader -

Wendy Brantner

Air Rifle 4-H Leaders -

Jim Schonke, Jr.

Nicki Schonke

Other 4-H Volunteers -

Dale Bauer

Debbie Bauer

Val Cataract

Jeannie Freeman

Gwen Prom

Marie Ritscher



Ron Kaempf is a community member from Arkansas that has a love for woodworking and is very talented at the craft. He contacted the Lima Lads and Lassies Club Leader and wanted to know if there were 2 club members that would like to create a project for the fair. He offered to mentor them and teach them about woodworking in his shop. Ron said he got his start in woodworking when he was in 4-H as a youngster. Nick and Kayden took him up in his offer and they made a toolbox to get used to working with the tools of the trade. We are grateful for community members that are willing to take a role and give our kids a new experience to broaden their horizons. Thanks Ron!!

Photo to right:

Passing on a love for woodworking. Nick, Ron Kaempf, Kayden





Research shows that youth programs that emphasize Sparks, Belonging, Caring Adults, Challenging Growth, and Youth-Adult Partnerships will provide better outcomes for the youth who participate. At the end of 2023, WJ 4-H conducted a survey of 4-H youth ages 13-19 to receive feedback regarding their experience within 4-H. The Pepin County 4-H scores, based on a 28.6% response rate, are provided in the chart below. After analyzing the data, the program quality in Pepin County 4-H appears to be high, but there is room to grow. The data seems to encourage recruitment of adult volunteers that are willing to share their expertise in order to further develop project/interests in our 4-H members.

5.2	Youth Sparks - This outcome measures how 4-H programs provide youth opportunities to explore topics they are interested in learning about, passionate about, engaged with.
6.3	Youth Belonging - This outcome measures how safe, welcome and supported youth feel in 4-H programs.
5.9	Caring Adults - This outcome measures how youth feel adults in their programs care about them and investing time in youth.
6.3	Challenging Growth - This outcome measures the extent to which adults in the program help youth to see new possibilities, push them to reach higher and hold them accountable.
6.3	Youth - Adult Partnerships - This outcome measures how youth feel about adult volunteers working with them and if they feel respected, listened to and have their ideas taken seriously.

Experience Scoring Guide

1.0 to 2.2	Very Low Quality
2.3 to 3.5	Low Quality
3.6 to 4.8	Moderate Quality
4.9 to 6.1	High Quality
6.2 to 7.0	Very High Quality

Here are the short answer results from an inquiry within the survey that you may find interesting:

Question: Tell us something interesting or important you learned in 4-H.

Responses: 1) How to take care of and show my beef cattle.

2) How to work together with all ages.

3) I learned how to be a better hunter with practice air rifle.

4) I was the secretary and now I am the vice president of my 4-H club. Talking in front of people makes me nervous but over the past year I learned to not worry about what other people think of me and talk without having to worry about what other people think.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation would like to share some happenings and events :

Tractor Supply Company: Tractor Supply Company (TSC) raises funds for Wisconsin 4-H by hosting paper clover campaigns held in the spring and fall. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming and financial aid for 4-H youth. We encourage clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the paper clover campaigns. This spring the Foundation is offering an opportunity for clubs to earn a \$50 TSC gift card.



Go to: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/tscpaperclover/>



JOANN Stores: JOANN is in the middle of their annual point-of-service campaign. You can support Wisconsin 4-H through your purchases. See more here:

<https://4-h.org/support/corporate-foundation-support/joann-fabric-and-craft-stores/>

Your thoughts – combined with your writing skills and creativity – can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction Inc. are offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

Two (2) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2024.



Five (5) **\$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest ranking essay scores.

2024 Scholarship Topic:

"What strategies can be implemented by town officials in collaboration with citizens to maintain civility in local government?"

View complete details [here](#).



HELLO APRIL

**“ Always keep moving forward,
Pushing your limits, and
Remember, each obstacle
Is a chance to grow, to
Learn from the past and thrive. “**

- Unknown Author

The Buffalo-Pepin 4-H Shooting Sports-Air Rifle Program kicked off January 9th and ran through the end of March on Tuesday evenings at the Pepin Sportsman Club. Unfortunately, due to a change in sports practice times 3 participants dropped out but we retained a total of 6 participants from Pepin Co. 4-H, Dunn Co. 4-H, and non-4-H youth as well. The educational focus of this program is on life skills development, safety procedures and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. Our 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders, must be enrolled in 4-H and be at least 21 years old, complete the Youth Protection process, and successfully complete at least one state-level 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop. Bennett Schroeder, a Lima Lassies 4-H club participant wrote this about his experience: “ The Air rifle class was very educational and was sponsored by 4H. I learned how to handle the gun and also use a sling. I had a lot of fun. I am thankful for the opportunity. “ A huge THANK YOU goes out to the PEPIN SPORTSMEN CLUB and our 4-H Air Rifle Leaders JIM and NICOLE SCHONKE for making this possible!



Fun with Cake Decorating

Let's learn

- New skills with tips or fondant
- From 4-H youth around Wisconsin
- About cake decorators and businesses
- Where to learn more!



***Participants are responsible for purchasing additional ingredients and supplies for activity participation.*

Register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/w6d7v5>

*** Decorating kits are no longer available, but register to participate in the Goosechase through May1**

Grades 3 and older



**Fun to create.
And participate.**

**Join us in our
Goosechase Community
March 15-
May 15**

**** Participants will need to download the Goosechase app on a digital device.
For more information visit:
4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc**



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4-H

CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA

SAVE THE DATE!



Location: YMCA Camp Pepin
Stockholm, WI



Date: June 5-7, 2024



Who: 3RD - 8TH Grade 4-H Youth

JOIN US!



REGISTER FOR THIS
EVENT VIA
[4HONLINE](#)



BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS!



EXPLORING & FUN!





JOIN OUR TEAM!

Seeking Camp Counselors!

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa is looking for energetic, lively, fun, hard-working 4-H youth in grades 9-12 to be camp counselors on June 5-7, 2024.

- SHARE YOUR TALENTS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN NEW SKILLS

Camp Date: June 5-7, 2024
Applications are due no later than March 1, 2024



Apply Now!

Camp Counselors Training Day - May or April

Scan the QR Code to Apply!



We are seeking energetic, lively, fun, hard-working 4-H youth in grades 9-12 to be camp counselors. Please fill out the Google Form below to apply!

Link to Camp Counselor Application:

https://forms.gle/unU9UjSj_nYQ44FrX8

We are also seeking 4-H Adult Chaperones to join us at Camp Kinnissippewa! Interested adults should contact Annie Lisowski at annie.lisowski@wisc.edu to learn more, discuss qualifications, and ensure a training plan.



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Seeking 4-H Adult Chaperones!

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa is looking for energetic, lively, fun, hard-working Adults to chaperone 4-H youth at Camp this summer on June 5-7, 2024.

- SHARE YOUR TALENTS
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Camp Date: June 5-7, 2024

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Apply Now!

Camp Counselors Training Day - May or April



Just in case you can't make it to our local 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa. Camps at Upham Woods registration will open on March 4th for the following:

Youth Camp:

Who: Any youth entering 4th-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

When: July 7-10, 2024

A time to enjoy camp favorites like swimming and a water carnival!



Outpost Camp:

Who: Any youth entering 8th-10th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

When: August 3-6, 2024

Outpost Camp is an exciting camp experience where youth will spend time canoeing and camping.

**More information can be found on Upham Woods :
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/>**

Summer Academy Experience

Join us on the UW-Madison Campus for the new Summer Academy, **June 24-27, 2024**. This new Positive Youth Development program will help you discover pathways to your future. Signup to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI.



Youth currently in grades 8-11 will be able to register for Summer Academy when registration is open on March 1. The registration will be done in **4HOnline**. You can find the registration by going to your youth's profile and clicking on the events tab in 4HOnline. The event will be called "Summer Academy".

Check out the **Summer Academy webpage** for more details.

Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4-H Online
wi.4honline.com

CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

APRIL 22, 2024
MAY 27, 2024

Wildlife & Woods

Register via 4-H Online
wi.4honline.com

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES
FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5

APRIL 24, 2024
MAY 22, 2024

To learn more about virtual learning opportunities, please visit 4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc

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Registration Opens in March On [4HOnline](#)

STEAM DISCOVERY DAYS MONDOVI

JOIN US AND COME CREATE HANDS-ON STEAM PROJECTS WITH FRIENDS ENTERING K-6 GRADES!

DATE: JULY 10 AND 17, 2024
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LOCATION: MIRROR LAKE PARK
BRING A COLD PEANUT FREE LUNCH!

Admission **\$20**

✓ Early drop off and late pickup
✓ Science
✓ Technology
✓ Art
✓ Math
✓ and so much more!

STEAM Discovery Days - Mondovi Mirror Lake Park
656 N Eau Claire St, Mondovi, WI 54755

More Information Contact annie.lisowski@wisc.edu (608) 685 6253

Registration Opens in March on [4HOnline](#)

STEAM DISCOVERY DAYS C-FC

JOIN US AND COME CREATE HANDS-ON STEAM PROJECTS WITH FRIENDS ENTERING K-6 GRADES!

DATE: JULY 8 AND 15, 2024
TIME: 9AM - 3PM
LOCATION: C-FC SCHOOL
BRING A COLD PEANUT FREE LUNCH

Admission **\$20**

✓ Early drop off and late pickup
✓ Science
✓ Technology
✓ Art
✓ Math
✓ and so much more!

STEAM Discovery Days - C-FC
S2770 State Hwy 35, Fountain City, WI 54629

More Information Contact annie.lisowski@wisc.edu (608) 685 6253



The sheep/goat weigh-in and swine tag pick up is set for April 20, 2024, 8-11am at the County Fairgrounds in Mondovi. Sign up for a time slot for the sheep/ goat weigh-in and swine tag pick up.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/GMyUMXqxd6n8V4Ae9>

Swine Tag Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/ZZ3ZJbVe6bRSRTJd7>



2024 Pre-Fair Events

Foods Revue

June 19 - Roger Marten Center

Clothing Revue

July 17 - Roger Marten Center

Horse Show

July 20 - Midnight Riders Arena

Cats, Small Animals, Exotics & Dog Shows

July 27 - Buffalo County Fairgrounds



REGISTER NOW FOR 2024 YQCA TRAINING

According to the Buffalo County Fair in affiliation with Pepin County Junior Fair Rules: All Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry & Rabbit exhibitors must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training each year to be eligible to exhibit their animal(s) at the Buffalo County Fair.

Must be completed by July 1st.

More information regarding YQCA trainings and instructions for registration are available [here](#).

Meat Animal Educational Credit

All meat animal exhibitors planning to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair in affiliation with Pepin County, must earn one meat animal educational credit in addition to the YQCA training during the project year. Following the session, exhibitors must complete the Meat Animal Educational Credit online form. The Meat Animal Educational Credit form submission is due by the Friday before the Fair begins. Check out the [Rules & Forms](#) under Exhibitor Info on the [Buffalo County Fair website](#).

Fur, Fin, & Feather Show

This small animal show will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Sparta Barney Community Center and is open to all youth in grades 3-13. There are some classes available for K-2nd. The

show gives our youth the opportunity to show their rabbits, poultry, cats, and small pets with face-to-face judging. They receive pointers and learn hands-on about their animal and how to improve when showing at the fair. In addition to the animals, there will also be a poster and an animal photography show. Join us for educational sessions, a poster exhibition, and raffle. Lunch will be available for purchase. **Deadline to register for the show is Wednesday, April 24th, 2024.**



Online registration form is [here](#).

Hastings Area Earth Day Birding Festival

April 20 @ 7:00 am - 5:00 pm @ Carpenter Nature Center Minnesota Campus, 12805 St. Croix Trail South, Hastings, MN 55033



Celebrate birds and conservation at the CNC MN Campus. Attend classes that introduce you to raptors, birding, bird banding, and go on guided bird trips through the Hastings area.

Register at tiny.cc/bird-fest-24.

The Youth Birding Competition is a highlight of the festival. Young birders are encouraged to team up and count all the bird species they find. Register teams at tiny.cc/birding-comp-24.

Check out the [event webpage](#) for more details on the full schedule.

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer a multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to two sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: [4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest | UMN Extension](#) with rules available [here](#).

Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to fourhphoto@umn.edu by **11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024**. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift.

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>

Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu.

**Photo & statement due
11:59 p.m. CST on
May 1, 2024**



"Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H Photo Contest

Register at: <https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest>

Info: <https://extension.umn.edu/event/hit-me-your-best-shot-4-h-photo-contest>

Questions? Email: fourhphoto@umn.edu





Youth who join 4-H are often excited about the many, many projects they can choose to explore. There are so many Sparks (or things they want to learn about)! Yet, if their Spark doesn't have a local project leader to support their learning, that excitement can turn to questions. They may not know how to get started on their own. Clover to the rescue!! Clover is an online smorgasbord of sparks, interactive activities, and fun. It was created by the National 4-H Council in collaboration with more than 100 universities throughout the United States. And it's FREE and ready for youth, parents, and educators to dive into. **Go to 4-h.org/clover**

Explore fun, educational activities and learning experiences for kids and teens to do at home.

Check out the resources found at the National 4-H Site at

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>



Check Out These Event Calendars

The calendars below show events available in surrounding areas and statewide. To filter by county or event type, use the check boxes on the left to narrow the results.

* To find 4-H specific events see this site

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

* To find workshops, classes and other events hosted by University of Wisconsin-Extension see this site:

<https://extension.wisc.edu/events/>

Badger Talks is pleased to present a LIVE series of talks on topics that intend to inspire, delight, and pleasantly distract in a time we are all needing positive experiences. Tune in to hear experts on a variety of interesting and engaging topics. For more information see:

<https://badgertalks.wisc.edu/badger-talks-live/>



Join the Biotechnology Center every Wednesday night for Wednesday Nite @ The Lab! Each week features a speaker teaching about different science topics. These talks are available statewide and will be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Come join us!

See <https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/> for the schedule of topics and registration links.

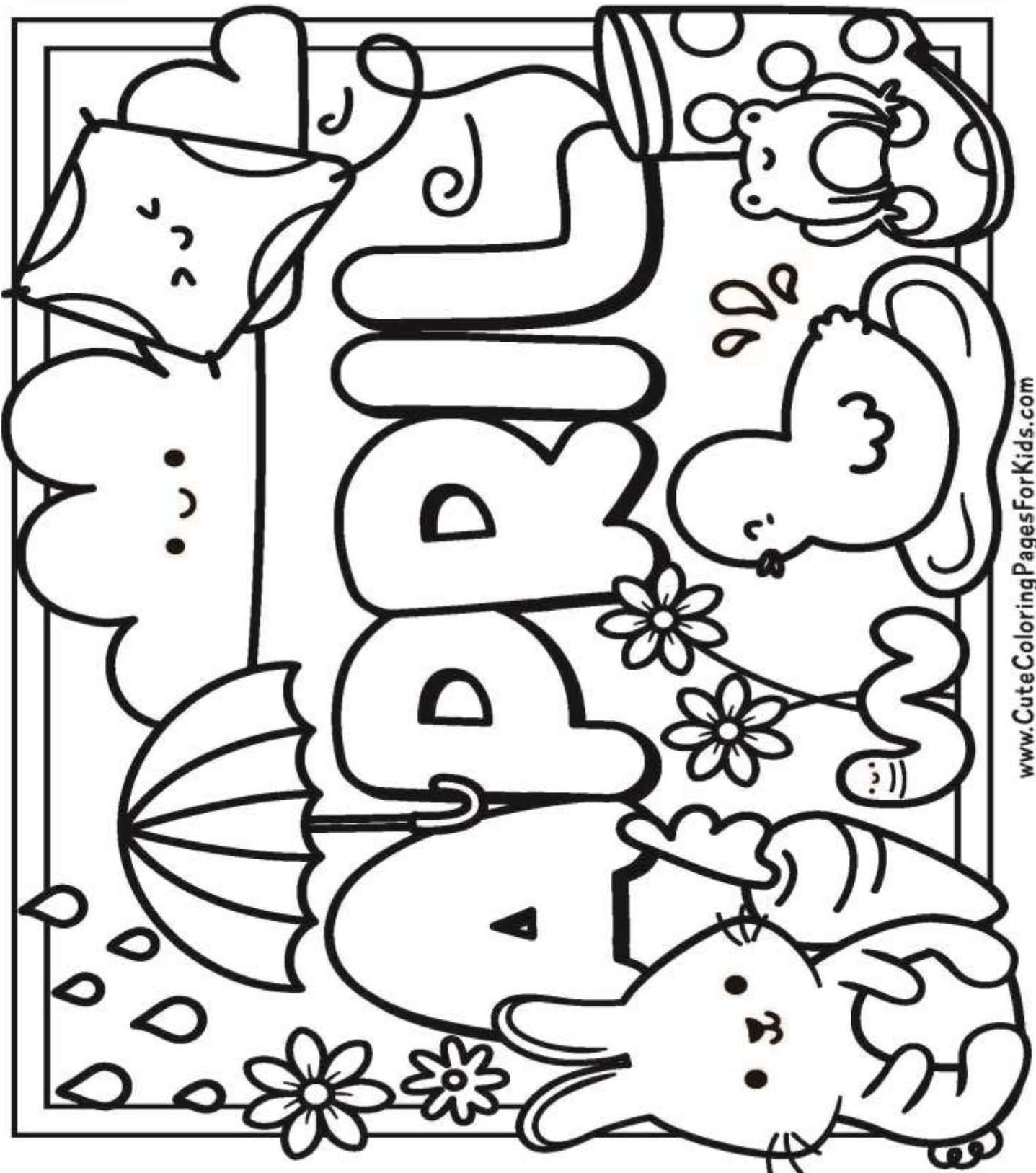


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www.CuteColoringPagesForKids.com