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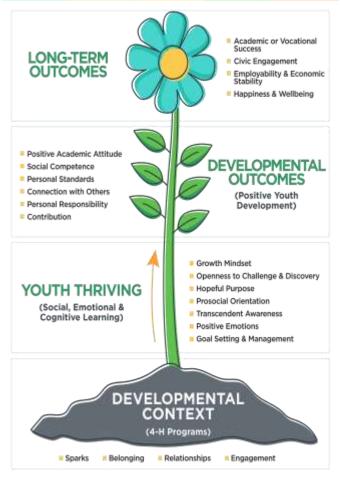
http://pepin.extension.edu/

4-H Online:

http://wi.4honline.com/

Wisconsin 4-H is encouraging members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of November. Youth who complete the

survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card donated by the Parent Leader Federation. For more information. visit 4-H Thriving Model -Wisconsin 4-H. Please keep an eye out for messages about this important survey.



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: Page 2 Pepin Pacer







# 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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### Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting January 4, 2025 (tentatively) 5:30 pm Hide-A-While, W1505 Albany D, Mondovi

Volunteer in Pepin County 4-H and help make our 4-H program stronger. Election of Officers will be held at this meeting followed by a Holiday party. Typically, meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December, normally held in the Boardroom at the Government Center in Durand.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

### WENDY BRANTNER

Congratulations for being our 4-H Fast Finder this month! We hope you enjoy the Pepin Pacer! Page 3 Pepin Pacer

Lima Lads and Lassies 4-H Club - November 6 - 12, 2024 was National 4-H Week. It's a week designated to showcasing what 4-H is all about in hopes of encouraging more young folk to join our organization. I created a display to put up in our community library showing just some of the fun things that our club participates in like filling 50 Easter baskets with goodies and donating them to our food pantry, providing games for kids at our area's dairy breakfast in June, cleaning up trash in the ditches, ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas time and fun at our fair. During the week I asked my club members to wear their 4-H club t-shirts to school and Oakley and Alivia sent me a photo of them proudly wearing their shirts. The last thing our club did for National 4-H week which was totally unplanned because you can't control Mother Nature was to make a donation to the relief efforts for helping farmers build back after the destruction of Hurricane Helene. Farmers feed the world and several of our club families are farmers or stem from farmers so I contacted a 4-H agent from the Tennessee region that is coordinating supplies. She said the quickest way to help was to send gift cards to either The Home Depot or Tractor Supply Company to purchase the needed materials to rebuild buildings or put up new fence lines for pastures. My club and the Chippewa Club each donated \$1000. Chelsa Wayne volunteered to go to Hudson and Prescott to purchase the gift cards and I sent them in the mail. I'm so proud of both our of clubs for stepping up and helping our these farmers. I truly can not imagine what they are going through!!! Submitted by Wendy Brantner



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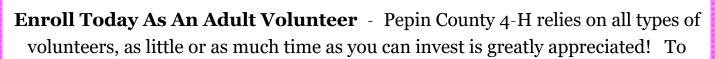
### If You Haven't Already... Re-Enroll in 4-H

Go to <a href="http://wi.4honline.com">http://wi.4honline.com</a> to access the system using your family account information.

For step by step instructions the 4-H family enrollment guide can be found at:



Contact your 4-H Leader or the Extension Office at (715) 672-5214 for assistance.



show your interest in volunteering
for Pepin County 4-H
complete a survey at:

https://forms.gle/Zr44jDpHD23Pu5af6

Or scan the QR code.







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### Oakley and Alivia Hurtgen

Thank you Oakley and Alivia for showing your 4-H pride and submitting your photo wearing 4-H apparel during National 4-H Week! October 6-12, 2024



4-H WEEK PRIDE





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### Here are some suggestions we found but you are not limited to these:



Nov. 3 - Pablo Center



Nov. 14 - Pablo Center



Nov. 22-24 -ECCT: Pablo Center



Nov. 23 - ECCT: Pablo Center



Dec. 5 - Pablo Center



Dec. 6-15 -CVTG: Pablo Center



Menomonie Theatre Guild



Dec. 18 - Mabel Tainter



Dec. 13-15 & 20-22 - The Oxford

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# 2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet here!



# https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/ For more information see the 4-H Statewide Opportunities page at:

2024-2025 Wi	sconsin	4-H State	& Nation	al Educa	2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-H State & National Educational Experiences	nces
What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How much?	How to register:	Adult volunteers:
Arts Camp gowiscedu/ArtCamp	October 5-6, 2024	Upham Woods, Baraboo, WI	Grades 6-8	\$120	Registration via 4Honline open until Sept 16. Capacity is limited.	1 adult / 10 youth • track leads & advisory support
Fall Forum gowisc.edu/4hfallforum	November 2-3, 2024	Stevens Point, WI	Grades 7-12 & 4-H Volunteers	\$65 (day only) - \$185 (2 nights)	Registration via 4HOnline open now until September 30.	Youth must identify a chaperone or will be assigned to one. All 4-H volunteers welcome to attend.
National 4-H Congress gowiscedu/4HCongress	November 29-Decemb er 3, 2024	Atlanta, GA	Grades 9-12; maximum age 18 on January 1 of program year	\$1500.00 (approximate)	The application process will open in July, Full payment due to the State 4-H office in October.	1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term
Advanced Space Academy gowiscedu/AdvancedSpace	February 15-22, 2025	Huntsville, AL	Grades 10-12	\$2700.00	Registration via 4Honline, opens early September, 36 youth participant minimum.	1 adult / 10 youth + staff leads
ArtsBEAT! gowisc.edu/ArtBeat	March 14-16, 2025	Upham Woods, Baraboo, WI	Grades 3-5	\$120,00 (approximate)	Registration via 4Honline, opens early December, Capacity is limited.	1 adult / 10 youth + track leads & advisory support
National 4-H Conference April 11-16, gowisc.edu/NationalConf 2025	April 11-16, 2025	Washington, DC	Grades 10-12	\$2000.00 (approximate)	Applications available in Nov. Space is limited to 4 or 5 youth, selected through the application process (National limit)	2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term



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# https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/ For more information see the 4-H Statewide Opportunities page at:

2024-2025 Wisconsin 4-	consin 4·	H State &	National	Educat	H State & National Educational Experiences	nces
What?	When?	Where?	Who?	How much?	How to register:	Adult volunteers:
Space Camp gowlscedu/SpaceCamp	May 1-5, 2025	Huntsville, AL	Grades 6-8	\$1300.00 (approximate)	Registration via 4Honline, opens early November. Capacity is limited. Full payment due to the State 4-H office in March.	1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term
Summer Academy	June 16-19 2025	Madison, WI	Grades 8-11	\$600.00 + bussing (if needed) (approximate)	Registration via 4Honline opens in March. Capacity is limited.	1 adult / 10 youth • track leads & advisory support
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)	June or July, 2025 (exact dates tbd; typically a Sat to Sat.)	Washington, DC	Grades 10-12 (at time of registration)	\$2500.00 (approximate)	Registration via 4Honline opens in January. Capacity is limited.	1 adult / 10 youth + 2 adult advisors selected to support a two-year term
American Spirit East gowiscedu/AmericanSpirit	1 week in June or July 2025, TBD	East Coast	Grades 8-10 (at time of registration)	\$2200.00 (approximate)	Registration via 4Honline opens early November Full payment due in January.	1 adult / 10 youth + Staff Lead

Dates are subject to change. All experiences may have participation limitations and/or may require an application process to be considered. UW-Madison Extension staff who are interested in supporting in an advisor role should contact justin lieckawiscedu

# To apply for an adult volunteer position:





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4-H members and volunteers complete the survey @

https://forms.gle/FZL3 grBoS9Jei7V6A

for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card from Fleet Farm!



### **NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE**

Applications open in early November for 2025 National 4-H Conference! This Conference takes place from April 11-16, 2025 in Washington, D.C. Learn more about this experience for 10th—12th graders and how to apply HERE.

State applications due by December 1!



### INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for an Information Session about the 2025 National 4-H Conference on **November 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM Eastern Time**. This information session will share details about the event, including a preliminary look at the agenda, registration process, costs, and more.

Register for the Webinar HERE

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Arts Ambassadors- (4-H State Arts Teams) applications are set to open on November 15<sup>th</sup> and close on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Arts Ambassadors is open to all members in grades 9th through 13th grade. (Areas of emphasis are Drama Company, Art Team, and Communications, Media, and Marketing Team). For More information on Expressive Art see: <a href="https://dh.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/expressive-arts/">https://dh.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/expressive-arts/</a>

- 4-H Drama Company creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to the Summer Academy. Youth will learn leadership skills, perform, create and develop lifelong skills related to growth management, resilience, collaboration and explore personal sparks.
- 4-H Art Team creates artwork around the theme of the Summer Academy as well as designing and organizing the Summer Academy Art Exhibit, reception, and guided exhibit tours. The team members also teach seminars and train to be peer leaders for county and regional events including Fall Forum. The 4-H Art Team is led by a professional artist who teaches team members artistic techniques using a variety of mediums.
- Communications, Media, and Marketing Team (Vision!) Will create original content, (Video, social media, digital promotional materials) to promote the 4-H story in Wisconsin. Working with an advisor they will build a community of digital storytellers through skill development, and hands on practice. Using youth voices, they will create a vision for telling the story of Wisconsin 4-H.



A weeklong
East Coast
exploration in June.
Open to 4-H
members in 8-10
grades. Registration
opens early
November.

For more information see: go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit

### **Lead in Your Club**

Everyone in a club work together as a team. No position is more important than another. Adult volunteers support club officers, and club officers support adult volunteers. Presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, historians, reporters, and other officers all do their part to keep the club running smoothly. Members play a role in that too. What part of the team do you want to be? For more information see the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Resources webpage



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### Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/

Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com



"TRACKS" - October 2024

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

### Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Friends,

Fall has arrived and the leaves are beginning to change - but why do some leaves change color while evergreens stay green? Deciduous trees have green leaves because they are filled with chemicals that are also green. The most common of these chemicals is chlorophyll, which plays a key role in turning sunlight into nutrients through a process called photosynthesis. As temperatures begin to dip, periods of daylight grow shorter. Deciduous trees prepare themselves for the oncoming winter and lack of opportunities for photosynthesis, and they begin to reduce their production of chlorophyll to zero. Without chlorophyll, the leaves lose their green and turn red, yellow, or orange. Evergreens operate differently when it comes to their growing and maturation cycles. Instead of leaves, evergreens have needles that have multiple growing seasons each year. This allows the tree to hold onto their needles longer and continue to provide them with chlorophyll and keep them green all year long. So, the next time you're outside admiring the changing leaves (or the snow on the deep green evergreens) remember this science lesson and the power of chlorophyll! Sources:http://www.schlitzaudubon.org

4-H Fall Forum – November 2-3, 2024: Visit the interactive activity area for several hours and participate in hands-on activities. Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, Wisconsin 4-H Forestry, Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports, & Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports have lots of hands-on activities. Take home some new ideas and use them in your programs next year. Can't make it there, just email for some tips.

Backyard & Back 40 "Kits-To-Go" Activity Boxes: Check them out at the 4-H Fall Forum. Can't make it there, just send an email. There are 15 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids of all ages & adults, too. Programs are presented by your own 4-H youth & adult leaders. We'll provide instructions for you to build your own hands-on activity boxes. Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@qmail.com

<u>Wildlife & Woods Explorations - Virtual Sessions:</u> For youth K-5 and elementary grade. <u>Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition - Virtual Sessions:</u> Designed for middle and high school youth. Virtual sessions begin in late January. Let us know if you are interested in viewing recorded sessions. Email: <u>wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com</u> for more information.

4-H Wildlife & WHEP & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contests: Study guides are available in January. Statewide competition is in late March, so start preparing soon. Study guides cover what's on the test.

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### Join us!



State 4-H Dog
Educational
Day and
Annual Meeting

\*this is not a meeting to bring dogs\*



November 16, 2024

Start Time: 9:00am

Holiday Inn Express and Suites 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI 54474

Register by: Nov. 8th

Cost: \$5.00 per person Lunch is included (scholarship funding is available)

What fun things are happening that day?
-Ice Breakers

 Meet and learn from other county dog projects

> -Learning sessions (for new and experienced)

-Annual meeting and elections

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and there's no better time to spread joy and support the 4-H mission of preparing youth to be Beyond Ready! As you make your wish list (and check it twice!), don't forget that by shopping with 4-H partners, a portion of your purchases will help empower young people to shine today and in the future.

Registration: <a href="https://statedognov24.4honline.com">https://statedognov24.4honline.com</a>



\$5 from each pair will go to 4-H



FLOWERS

10% of your purchase will go to 4-H



6% will be donated to 4-H



Purchase a ornament and proceeds going to 4-H OR

purchase a Paper Clover (11/29 -12/15) to help fund scholarships and leadership opportunities

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### Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Creation Contest



More information and the entry form are available at:

<u>www.cedarcresticecream.com/4H-</u> <u>Flavor-Contest.</u>

## Cedar Crest Ice Cream Contest

Cedar Crest Ice Cream is looking for a new flavor from Wisconsin 4-Hers again! This year's contest will kick off September 1 and entries will be accepted until November 15.









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# Lima Lads and Lassies 4-H Club Officers

Adult Club Leader - Wendy Brantner

President - Isabella Wayne
Secretary - Elizabeth Wayne
Treasurer - Dylan Jereczek
Sunshine Award Person - Jacey Bauer
Photographer - Kristin Wayne

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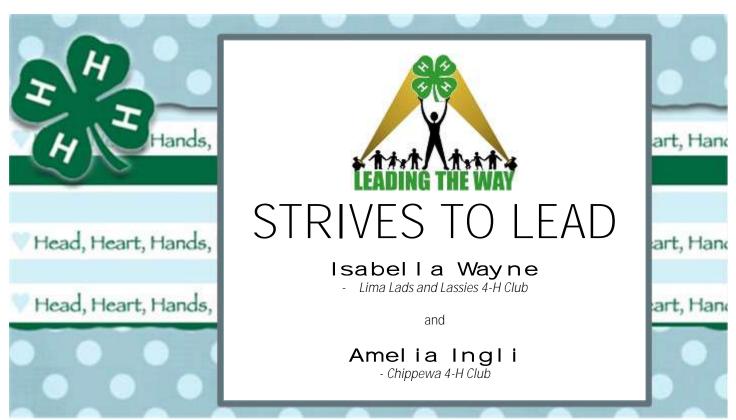
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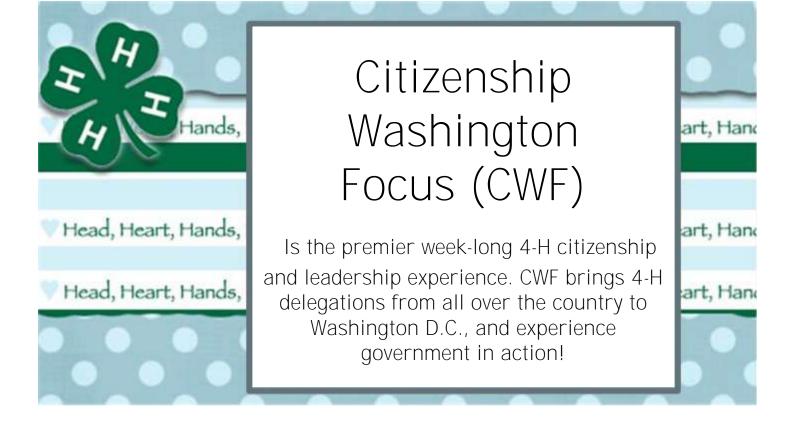
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Lead the Way Amelia and Dominic!





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CRAFT FAIR BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR DURAND AMBULANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>™</sup>, 2024 • 9AM-2PM
DURAND HIGH SCHOOL

Durand Dazzle Day & Ho Ho Ho Craft Fair Day showcases the holiday spirit. From a craft fair and bake sale, to our kid's activities during Kidpalooza, there is something for everyone!

Ringing bell opportunities at the Durand Fresh Market begin Friday, November 15, 2024 and run through Tuesday, December 24. 2024. If you are interested in helping raise funds while spreading some Holiday cheer and goodwill. Click on the link below:

https://www.registertoring.c om/zip.aspx



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### **JOIN OUR BOARD!**

Are you passionate about the Buffalo County Fair in Affiliation with Pepin County? We're looking for 4 dedicated individuals to join our Fair Board (2 adults & 2 youth members).

As a board member, you'll have the opportunity to bring new ideas to the table and make a meaningful impact in our community. Whether you're a seasoned planner or just looking to get involved, we'd love to have you, your ideas, and your energy!

### What We're Looking For:

- Buffalo or Pepin County fair-enthusiasts
- Motivated individual who wants to help keep the Buffalo County Fair a success
- Experience or interest in the track portion
- Passion for community engagement

Interested? Please email Secretary Lisa Kees at Iisakees@yahoo.com by Monday, November 11 @ noon for more details!

Together, let's create unforgettable experiences for our community!

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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** 

4-H Volunteer Information and Resources - we have provided loads of great information to help you feel comfortable and confident about the basics of 4-H. Explore the Volunteer Resources website at:

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/



### **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 <a href="https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/">https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/</a> for the schedule of topics and registration links.

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## Sign up for free Smoke Alarms from the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign helps save lives by installing free smoke alarms in homes that don't have them and by educating people about home fire safety.

Strobe lights and bed shakers also available for households with deaf or hard of hearing individuals.







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BEANS BLESSINGS CORN CORNUCOPIA CRANBERRY

FALL FAMILY FEAST FOOTBALL

HARVEST LEAVES **PILGRIMS** GRATITUDE PUMPKIN

STUFFING THANKFUL **THURSDAY** TURKEY WAMPANOAG DINNER WWW.ALWAYSTHEHOLIDAYS.COM YAMS

