



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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PEPIN COUNTY 4-H IS BUSY BUSY

January in a Nutshell

We have been very busy partnering with Durand Community and Pepin Public Libraries to bring hands-on events to the community. LEGO Club at the Durand Community Library on Mondays from 3:45-4:45pm has been so well received; we are going to continue through April! We also will be offering other hands-on opportunities once a month on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45pm starting Feb. 19th.

We will also be continuing our monthly hands-on events at the Pepin Public Library. Join us Feb. 15 from 11:30am-12:30pm for STEM Challenges! Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate, so share the fun and bring a friend too.

New this year to Pepin County 4-H is the Pepin/Buffalo Shooting Sports Club! We are incredibly excited to now have shooting sports as a club. Air Rifle practices are held Tuesdays through March 25 from 6:00-7:30pm, with the club meeting to follow.

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



**SCAN THE QR
CODE AND SHOW
YOU ARE
4-EVER GREEN**



**Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting
February 12, 2025**

5:30 pm

Boardroom, Pepin County Government Center

Volunteer in Pepin County 4-H and help make our 4-H program stronger.

**Typically, meetings are held in February, April, June, August,
October and December, normally held in the Boardroom at the
Government Center in Durand.**

Call the Extension Office for more information.



4-H Fast Finder for the Month:

JODI HURTGEN

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

We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !



Enroll Today As An Adult Volunteer

Pepin County 4-H relies on all types of volunteers, as little or as much time as you can invest is greatly appreciated! To show your interest in volunteering for Pepin County 4-H complete a survey at:

<https://forms.gle/Zr44jDpHD23Pu5af6> Or scan the QR code



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

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Celebrate Carpe Diem Day - February 26

Slogan: "Seize the Day, Every Day!"

A little poem for Carpe Diem Day:

*Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,
and today is a gift...
that's why they call it the present.*

By Bill Keane



Catching up with the Chippewa Club!

In October Chippewa Club met at Evers Farms just outside of Pepin. It was a beautiful fall day to hold an activity outdoors! The club members got very creative that day. Using acrylic and spray paint, they painted pumpkins and gourds in some very beautiful designs! They also used decorative corn and colorful ribbons to make some very unique door decorations. All of the items were donated to Eagles Rest in Pepin as decorations for the residents.



In November Chippewa Club met at the school in Pepin. We held a short meeting where we inducted our new 2024-2025 club officers. After our meeting we enjoyed some snacks as we played some exciting games of BINGO!! The kids really enjoyed the friendly competition and our final game of blackout!



CHIPPEWA CLUB

In December, members of Chippewa Club volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army. We had three separate groups take shifts to monitor the red kettle, ring the bell and even serenade the people with some Christmas songs! It was a little chilly out, but the hot chocolate kept them warm!



January, We had some very special guests, Sky Holt and Payton Freund from the Pepin County Extension. Not only did Sky and Payton bring us some delicious treats of pizza and donuts, but they also led the club through a SOAR needs assessment. I was so proud of our group and their willingness to participate. I believe that this will really help out our club in the future. Afterwards, the kids went to the gym and played some fun indoor games with the parachute, balls and mats.



**4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SPONSORED BY
PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER FEDERATION**



To qualify for a scholarship, you must be a 12th or 13th grade student who is a *current Pepin County 4-H member that resides in or near Pepin County*. 1 or more \$500.00 scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation Board. You must be planning to attend a technical college, university, or other applicable short course in any area of study. A maximum of one scholarship per individual can be received (one scholarship either during 12th grade or 13th grade, not both).

Return by April 1, 2025 to:

Extension Pepin County 4-H
Government Center, Room 110
P.O. Box 39, Durand, WI 54736

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION YOU WILL ATTEND:

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

(Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. 4-H INVOLMENT (Leadership, positions held, activities, honors, or awards, etc.)
2. BRIEFLY MENTION OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (Forensics, FFA, Athletics, FCCLA, Teen Court, Boy/Girl Scouts, Volunteer Work, Church, etc.)
3. ESSAY: In 200 words or less describe how 4-H has impacted or influenced your life and career goals.
4. AT LEAST ONE CHARACTER REFERENCE ABOUT THE APPLICANT. (Cannot be relatives)

**To encourage
PERFORMING ARTS,
the 4-H Parent Leader Federation
will reimburse fully registered
4-H members/volunteers up to \$10
on LIVE performing arts tickets.**

Submit receipts to gwen.prom@wisc.edu
before August 1, 2025.
(Only 1 reimbursement per person)

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



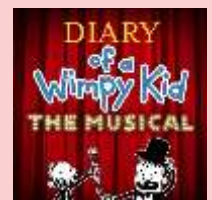
The Addams Family
February 7-8
Pablo Center

Dragons and Mythical Beasts
February 15
Pablo Center



Wizard of Oz on Ice
February 18
Sheldon Theatre

The Little Prince
February 21-23 & 28-2
Menomonie Theater Guild



Diary of a Wimpy Kid
February 21-23
Pablo Center

Try
these
sites:

- Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild: <https://cvtg.org/>
Eau Claire Children's Theatre: <https://ecct.org/>
 Mabel Tainter: <https://www.mabeltainter.org/>
 Menomonie Theater Guild: <https://menomonietheaterguild.org/>
 Pablo Center at the Confluence: <https://www.pablocenter.org/events>
 Sheldon Theatre: <https://www.sheldontheatre.org/>



New This Year

DISCOVER PEPIN/BUFFALO SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB!

We are very excited to announce the Pepin/Buffalo Shooting Sports Club! Thank you, Nicole and Jim Schonke for your continued leadership in the shooting sport project!



What's the same:

Same great practices at the Pepin Sportsman's Club - N 10076 Sand Ridge Rd, Pepin WI
3rd grade and 8 yrs and older
No experience necessary
Equipment provided
Fee: \$10-Pepin County Parent Leaders Federation will pay for Pepin County 4-H youth.



What's different:

Shooting sports is now an official club. You can enroll in the Shooting Sports Club as your main club in 4honline 2.0 or inform our office and we can put it as your secondary club.



Club and Practice Schedule:

Tuesday nights, January 14- March 25
from 6:00-7:30 pm - Club meeting to follow



QUESTIONS



Pepin County 4-H



(715) 672-5214



sky.holt@wisc.edu





SEEKING 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

4-H Camp Kinnissippewa is looking for 4-H youth in grades 8-12 who are energetic, like working with children, and enjoy being leaders to be camp counselors on June 11-12, 2025.

Applications are due no later than March 1, 2025

Training Dates:

Via Zoom April 9th and 16th

SHARE YOUR TALENTS
MEET NEW FRIENDS
LEARN NEW SKILLS



Scan the QR Code to Apply!



SIGN UP TODAY

via QR CODE above or contact our Extension Office

Pepin County 4-H Camp Counselors receive a 100% discount so cost is FREE!!

DISCOUNT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER FEDERATION



4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA OVERNIGHT!



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

CAMP ACTIVITIES:

CAMPFIRE GAMES

SCAVENGER HUNT

HIGH ROPES

SWIMMING



SAVE THE DATE



DAY CAMP

11-12 JUNE, 2025

12:30 PM JUNE 11 - 3:30PM JUNE 12

BUS RETURN TRAVEL INCLUDED

3rd - 8th grade 4-H youth

Buffalo, Pepin, and Trempealeau Counties

YMCA CAMP PEPIN STOCKHOLM, WI

For Pepin County 4-H members



62.50



Join us for a 2 day 1 night adventure packed camp experience

SIGN UP TODAY

Pepin County 4-H Camp Counselors receive a 50% discount so cost is \$ 62.50!!

via 4HOnline to 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa 2025 Event

DISCOUNT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H PARENT LEADER FEDERATION



4-H CAMP KINNISSIPPEWA DAY CAMP!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

CAMP ACTIVITIES:

HIGH ROPES

GROUP GAMES

ARCHERY

SWIMMING



SAVE THE DATE



DAY CAMP

12 JUNE, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:30PM

BUS RETURN TRAVEL INCLUDED

3rd - 8th grade 4-H youth

Buffalo, Pepin, and Trempealeau
Counties

YMCA CAMP PEPIN STOCKHOLM, WI



37.50

For Pepin County
4-H members



Don't want to spend the night?
Join us for the day!

SIGN UP TODAY

via 4HOnline to 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa 2025 Event

Pepin County 4-H members receive a
50% discount so cost is \$37.50!!

DISCOUNT MADE AVAILABLE BY
THE PEPIN COUNTY 4-H
PARENT LEADER FEDERATION

LEGO CLUB FEBRUARY DATES:

FEBRUARY 3, 17, 24

3:45 - 4:45 PM
IN THE DURAND LIBRARY

ALL YOUTH GRADES 1-5
WELCOME!



JOIN US!

THE DURAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND PEPIN COUNTY 4-H ARE HOSTING HANDS-ON, FREE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS THIS YEAR!

FEBRUARY 19: 3D PENS

MARCH 19: REFORMED PAINTINGS*

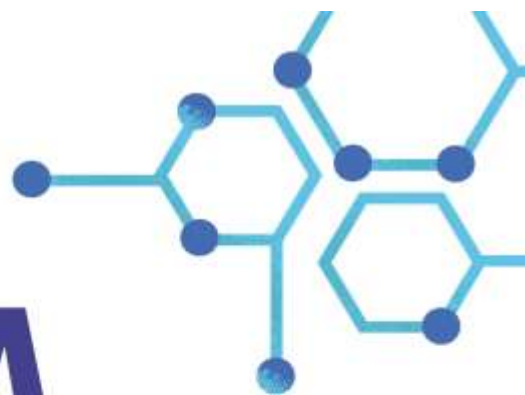
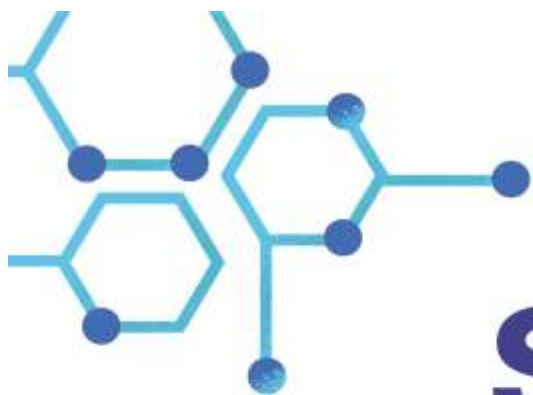
APRIL 23: STEM CHALLENGES

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

DURAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY
ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!



*MAY TAKE LONGER THAN AN HOUR



STEM CHALLENGES

Join the Pepin Public Library and Pepin
County 4-H to have fun with some
STEM challenges!



February 15



**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Pepin Public Library

Make it Personal. Make it Powerful. Make it your Library.



AmeriCorps

JOIN US!



THE PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY & PEPIN COUNTY 4-H ARE PUTTING ON AWESOME PROGRAMS THIS YEAR:

JANUARY 18: DUCT TAPE CRAFTS

FEBRUARY 15: STEM CHALLENGES

MARCH 15: LASER ENGRAVING

APRIL 19: REFORMED PAINTINGS

MAY 17: WILDLIFE EXPLORATION

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!**





2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Find the 2024-25 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet [here!](#)





TIME TO Travel

**2024-2025
4-H Award Trip
Applications**

The Pepin County 4-H Parent Leader Federation may assist in the funding of certain 4-H Trips. To learn more see our webpage @ <https://pepin.extension.wisc.edu/files/2025/01/2024-2025-Trip-Applications.pdf>

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2025

EXPLORE 

Expectations

Completion of the previous year's 4-H Story is required for P/L Federation funding. If you did not complete one then do so now. Individuals receiving funds from P/L Federation will be expected to share their experiences and input with others at the Pepin County 4-H Achievement Program and/or 4-H Club Meetings.



WINTER WORD SCRAMBLE

TEWSERA _____

SCCIEL _____

OLSEVG _____

EFROZN _____

OAMWSNN _____

GILEDNSD _____

CFASR _____

EFNKLWASO _____

LIRBAZDZ _____

WNRTEI _____

Wildlife & Woods

Register via
4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES K-5
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 29, 2025

FEB. 26, 2025

MAR. 26, 2025

APRIL 23, 2025



CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-12
7:00PM-7:45PM

JAN. 27, 2025

FEB. 24, 2025

MAR. 24, 2025

APRIL 28, 2025



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



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Art Beat

REGISTRATION OPEN



WHAT

4-H members in grades 3-5 can explore visual arts, drama, music, and STEAM through hands-on activities

WHEN

March 15-16, 2025

WHERE

Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning
Center

COST

\$125 for Youth
Members, \$75 for
Adult Volunteers



LEARN MORE



Positive Youth Development Institute
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ArtBeat Registration is NOW OPEN!

**Join 4-H ArtBeat, an introduction to Wisconsin 4-H Expressive Arts & Camp Adventures!
Come create, learn, and have fun!**

Who: 4-H members (grades 3-5), parents, and leaders

What: Explore visual arts, drama, music, and STEAM with amazing adult volunteers

Where: Experience camp life and stay in cozy cabins with awesome high school counselors

Register now: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewide.../art-beat/>

MAKE 2025 A YEAR OF KINDNESS

 <p>DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY</p>	<p>COMPLIMENT SOMEONE</p> 	 <p>BUY USED</p>	<p>SEND SOMEONE A CARD</p> 	 <p>ADD BOOK TO LITTLE FREE LIBRARY</p>
<p>VOLUNTEER</p> 	 <p>DO A CHORE FOR A NEIGHBOR</p>	 <p>PUT A SURPRISE NOTE SOMEWHERE</p>	<p>Text a POSITIVE message</p> 	 <p>SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE LONELY</p>
 <p>SPEAK UP FOR SOMEONE</p>	<p>HELP A STRANGER</p> 	<p>DO A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS</p> 	<p>PICK UP LITTER</p> 	<p>LET SOMEONE GO IN FRONT OF YOU IN LINE</p> 
<p>DONATE TO CHARITY</p> 	 <p>SEND SOMEONE A CARE PACKAGE</p>	<p>LEAVE A TREAT FOR THE MAIL PERSON</p> 	 <p>MAKE SOMEONE SMILE</p>	<p>Share a favorite song with someone</p> 
<p>WRITE A POSITIVE NOTE IN CHALK</p> <p><i>-you are Beautiful- You got this! you are AMAZING</i></p>	 <p>HANG A BIRD FEEDER</p>	<p>TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR THEM</p> 	 <p>SHOP LOCAL</p>	<p>GIVE A GOOD REVIEW</p> 



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUTH MEMBER!

Purpose:

- Serve as a representative for youth participants involved in the fair
- Be involved in the process of making the fair successful every year

Qualifications:

- Reside in Buffalo or Pepin County

Term:

- 2 years (2 fairs)

Responsibilities:

- Attend 8 meetings a year (second Wednesday of the month)
- Attend scheduled work nights around fair time (typically 3-4)
- Attend all 4 days of the Buffalo County Fair
- Work 1 fair office shift during the fair

If interested or have questions, please email Secretary, Lisa Kees, at lisakees@yahoo.com.



2025 MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

February 15

INDEPENDENCE NFO



Please pass on the 2025 Beef Weigh-In registration link to your members who are planning on exhibiting market beef animals at this year's fair. The weigh-in will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Independence NFO collection point from 7:30am -11:30am.

****NEW THIS YEAR:** All animals weighed in will be required to have a halter on. Animals do not need to be fully halter broken, but a halter needs to be on the animal so the volunteers working can use it during handling if needed during the tagging and weigh in.

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/nV2sfhPOUQ8nF2bR7>

2025 BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR IN AFFILIATION WITH PEPIN COUNTY



SUMMER'S MAIN ATTRACTION

The 2025 Fairbook is completed and live on our website! Not too many changes this year, but the most changes will be found in the dairy department, so check it out if you are a dairy exhibitor! As always, it is good to review the junior rules, livestock rules, and the rules for each department you participate in to be sure you are prepared for this year's Fair! We cannot wait to see you at this Summer's Main Attraction!

<https://www.buffalopepincountyfair.com/exhi.../premium-books>

2025 YQCA Training Options

Online – a youth exhibitor will annually complete 3 interactive online training modules and corresponding quizzes

Instructor-Led – In-person training (must **register** online one week prior to the training)

Online Exam – upon passing an online exam, the youth exhibitor can achieve more than 1 year of certification

YQCA Training Cost

\$12/person/year for the online modules
\$3/person/year for the Instructor-Led trainings

Access YQCA Trainings

Online Training – **Login** to view the **Help Video** or **Help Document** Web-Based Training and follow the step by step instructions. **Upon completion of the online training, please submit the proof of completion certificate to gwen.prom@wisc.edu**

Instructor-Led Training Registration – **Login** to view the **Help Video** or **Help Document** Instructor-Led Training and follow the step by step instructions. **IMPORTANT:** Select course title for the training that corresponds with the location of the training you plan to attend.

Instructor-Led Training

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE ANIMALS**

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Location: Marten Center, Mondovi
Time: 6:00 PM

Pre registration is required
Go to: YQCAProgram.org
Course Title: Buffalo County YQCA @ Mondovi

Instructor-Led Training

YQCA | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE ANIMALS**

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Location: C-FC School
Time: 6:00 PM

Pre registration is required
Go to: YQCAProgram.org
Course Title: Buffalo County @ C-FC

YQCA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

YQCA is excited to announce the 2025 Scholarship Program available to high school seniors and students enrolled in a 2-4 year university or certification program. In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must be a high school senior up to 21 year of age and In order to be considered for this scholarship, you must

- Be a high school senior or a high school graduate up to 21 years of age
 - Have an active YQCA certification at the time of application (2025).
 - Have had active YQCA certification the previous two years (2023, 2024).
- As a high school senior, the essay question regarding your future plans to enter the agriculture industry or commitment to a university will be considered for eligibility. If you are selected, you must provide proof of enrollment to receive the award.

If you are a high school graduate, you must be currently enrolled in a 2-4 year university agriculture program or enrolled in a certification program to meet the scholarship requirements. If selected, scholarship funds will be sent directly to your school.

Applications open January 1, 2025 and close February 17, 2025.

To Apply: Download the PDF Application and send all required documents to programmanager@yqcaprogram.org and the application should include the subject line: “YQCA Scholarship Application”.

Visit Here for more information: [Scholarship Program](#)

One recipient – \$10,000

Two recipients – \$5,000

Four recipients – \$2,500





Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships 2025 Application Information



Opportunity

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$20,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2025.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; should have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2025-2026 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to email a photo to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and provide a one-page thank you letter outlining 4-H experiences and future plans that the Foundation will send to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions

Call or email Board of Directors President, Charles Crave:
920.285.3812 or Charles@cravecheese.com

[CLICK HERE](#) for a printable .pdf of 2025's scholarship application rules.



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 again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest.

2025 Scholarship Topic:

“What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?”

Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

- (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, 2025.
- (5) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest ranking essay scores.

Visit the WTA Website to learn more: <https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation (WROF), Inc., will award (5) \$3,000 scholarships to high school seniors from rural Wisconsin to pursue post-secondary education through the Premier Scholarship Awards Program. Applications will close at 11:59 pm on **Friday, March 7**. More information and the application can be found on our website: <https://www.wrof.org>. Only online applications will be accept.



Here are the criteria used when choosing the recipients:

- The high school senior has lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years. "Rural" is defined as traditional rural areas and rural towns with a population of 25,000 or less.
- The high school senior is attending school in Wisconsin.
- The high school senior is pursuing post-secondary education and plans on returning to rural Wisconsin upon graduation.
- The high school senior will pursue a degree in a field that will support the economy and well-being of rural communities in Wisconsin. This includes fields in agriculture, healthcare, large animal veterinary care, environmental studies, and sustainable practices.

The scholarship award will support tuition and educational expenses. We encourage the best and the brightest scholars to apply, so they can bring the skills and knowledge they gain to help sustain the vibrancy of Wisconsin's rural communities.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Groundhog Day marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox. This tradition is said to predict how long winter will last. People watch a groundhog emerge from its burrow to see if it sees its shadow. It is believed that if the groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.






Wisconsin AmeriCorps POSITIONS OPEN

Looking for a summer "job" to earn money and build your resume?

Join the WI 4-H AmeriCorps team and help support young people through impactful learning experiences!



Get Support While You Serve

Earn \$5,000 in living allowances (\$715 every two weeks).



Receive Education Assistance

Receive nearly \$2,000 in an education award upon completion, which can be used for college loans, tuition, and more.



Grow Professionally

Not only will you earn nearly \$7,000 this summer, but you'll also gain hands-on experience to enhance your professional resume. Add UW-Madison Extension and AmeriCorps to your career credentials today!



Positions are available statewide.

Find one in a county near you!



4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin4h-amicorps



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



AmeriCorps

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

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.





Valentine's Day Word Search

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TRUE LOVE

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