



# Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



Extension  
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PEPIN COUNTY

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Sky Holt, Pepin County 4-H Educator, has just completed a SOAR assessment with all Pepin County 4-H Clubs & Groups. A **SOAR** analysis process involves gathering input on the organization's :

**Strengths**  
**Opportunities**  
**Aspirations**  
**Results**

SOAR focuses on the positive aspects of an organization and encourages leveraging strengths to achieve the aspirations of our members for our future. For more details see Page 2.

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### CONGRATULATIONS :

JODI VETTERKIND - STATE 4-H  
WINNER FOR COMPLETING THE  
THRIVE SURVEY

ELIZABETH WAYNE - WINNER OF  
PEPIN CTY 4-H PARENT LEADER  
FEDERATION GIFT CARD FOR COMPLETING THE THRIVE  
SURVEY

OAKLEY HURTGEN - WINNER OF PEPIN CTY 4-H PARENT  
LEADER FEDERATION GIFT CARD FOR COMPLETING THE  
PEPIN COUNTY 4-H YEAR-END SURVEY

*(If you have not received your gift card yet, it is on its way!)*

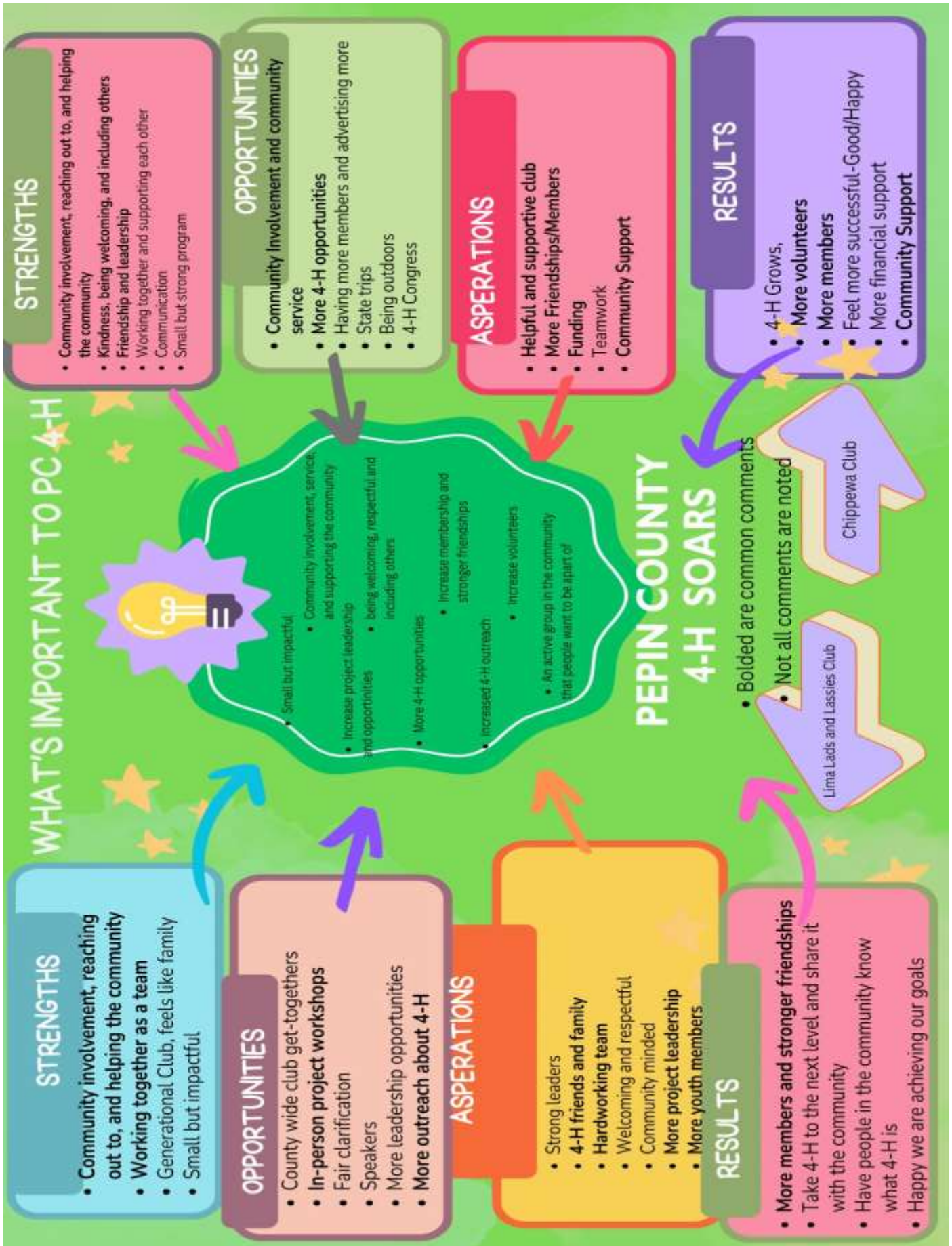


Every month we will hide a special symbol somewhere in that **month's Pacer**. **If you are the first person to call (715) 672-5214 or email (gwen.prom@wisc.edu) the Extension Pepin County and tell us where that symbol is found you will win \$5 and be named in next month's Pepin Pacer as the "4-H Fast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

**Pepin/Buffalo 4-H Shooting Sports Club**  
Typically meets Tuesday nights January-March.  
6:30 p.m., Pepin Sportsman's Club  
Contact Nicole Schonke @  
7612-644-7525

**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  
April 16, 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:  
**Eleanora Davidson**  
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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**2025 Winning Flavor**

# DEMO DERBY

Available at Parlors  
**JULY 2025**

**Chocolate Ice Cream Dented with Chocolate Cookie Crumbles Smashed M&M's® & Swirled with Chocolate Fudge**

**Congratulations to the Sunnyside Climbers 4-H Club of Portage, WI**

**WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION**

**Read more about the contest and finalists on this website:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../winners-finalists-of.../>



In old news for the Lima Lads and Lassies 4-H club our January meeting consisted of a SOAR Assessment discussion with our county agent, Sky Holt, and our AmeriCorps agent, Payton Freund. Sky asked us questions about such things as how we felt our club was performing as a group in our community, what Extension could do to help us succeed more and what we liked about our club. Sky and Payton want to do everything they can to help our club thrive and keep our members engaged in learning more. Our club is always looking for individuals from our community that have a skill that they are willing to come teach our members something new. One example is Ron Kaempf. Last year he offered to mentor 2 members in a wood working project as he is very skilled in woodworking. Our 2 members loved doing the project and Ron is willing to 2 more projects this year along with offering the opportunity to one of our parents in our club.

At our February 9th meeting we discussed summer camp opportunities, participating in the Sports Shooting club in Pepin, animal weigh in for the fair, the fair theme for our fair booth, signing up to work the concession stand at the Humane Society Craft sale on Feb. 22 and activities that are

going to be happening at the public library that are being put on by Pepin County Extension/4-H. Those activities at the library consist of Lego Club meeting on February 17 & 24 from 3:45-4:45 for anyone in grades 1-5. Events that are available to all age groups are 3D Pens on February 19, Reformed painting on March 19 and Stem Chal-

lenges on April 23 from 3:45-4:45. Then we made a Valentine's Day craft that the Brunner's created. It was a Valentine's gnome. Then we finished out our meeting with a snack and extra time to visit.



This past Saturday our club was asked by the Pepin County Humane Society to sell concessions at their annual craft sale. We went early to the craft sale to help vendors carry in loads and loads of merchandise. Jacey and Kayden have done this community service activity before so they knew the ropes well. Kayden noticed a vendor unloading her items in the commons area instead of going through the gym doors like all the other vendors and went right up to her and asked if he could help her out. His willingness to step up and help out has come a long way since joining our club! We tried something new this year while being at the craft fair. Kayden and myself talked to all of the vendors that had a craft and asked them if they would ever be interested in coming to one of our club meetings and teaching us what they do. We gave each **vendor a potting cup, dirt puck and packet of flowers seeds to symbolize “growing seeds of interest” in the minds of our 4-H club members** when teaching about their craft. Several vendors expressed an interest to come to our meetings. One young gal that was a vendor with her grandmother seemed very eager to come teach us how to make those cute crochet animals. Kayden was very interested in a vendor that had 3D creations. One vendor that has a greenhouse offered for our club to come to her greenhouse to come learn about growing plants and to start **one of our own. I will follow through with the connections I made and we'll see where that takes us.** Thank you to everyone that came out to the craft sale to have lunch, buy goodies at their bake sale and shop from all the vendors.



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



To qualify for a scholarship, you must be a 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade or 13<sup>th</sup> 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)





# 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



CAMP

For Pepin County 4-H members

11-12 JUNE, 2025



62.50

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



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 MARCH DATES:

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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!

**MARCH 19: REFORMED PAINTINGS\***

**APRIL 23: STEM CHALLENGES**

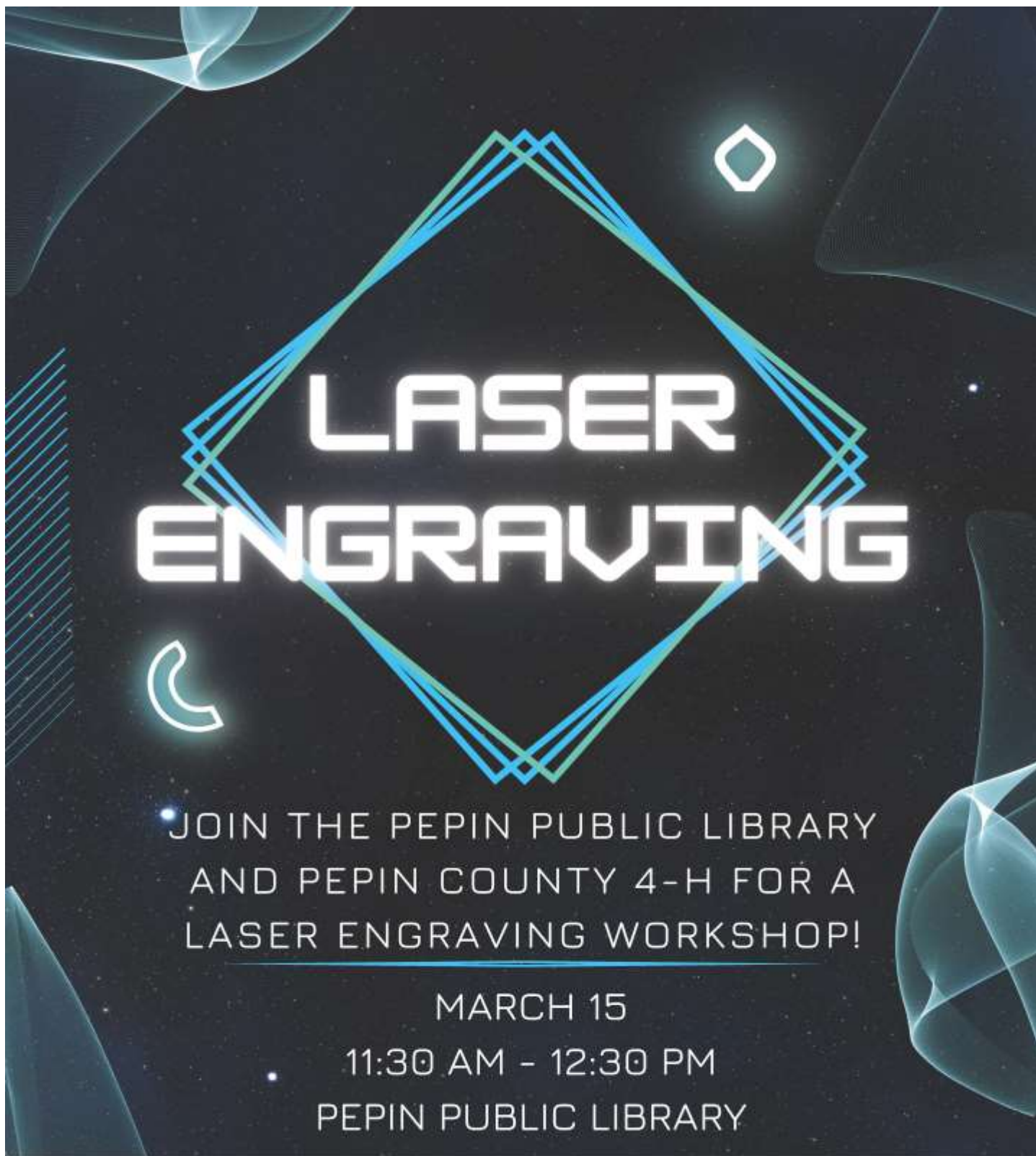
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

DURAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!



**AmeriCorps**

\*MAY TAKE LONGER THAN AN HOUR



# LASER ENGRAVING

JOIN THE PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
AND PEPIN COUNTY 4-H FOR A  
LASER ENGRAVING WORKSHOP!

MARCH 15  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY





# JOIN US!



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

**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!**



**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](mailto: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:**



Anastasia  
March 7-9  
Pablo Center

Sleeping Beauty Ballot  
March 14  
RCU Theatre



Tuck Everlasting  
April 3 - 6  
JAMF Theatre

Illuminate  
April 10  
RCU Theatre



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/>



# 2024-2025 WISCONSIN 4-H

PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



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



## REMINDER

### STATE 4-H HORSE EDUCATION DAYS

SPEAKING AND  
DEMONSTRATION,  
HORSE BOWL, AND  
HIPPOLOGY

REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE IS  
APRIL 1ST



For more info  
see the

[WI 4-H Horse  
Association](#)

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.

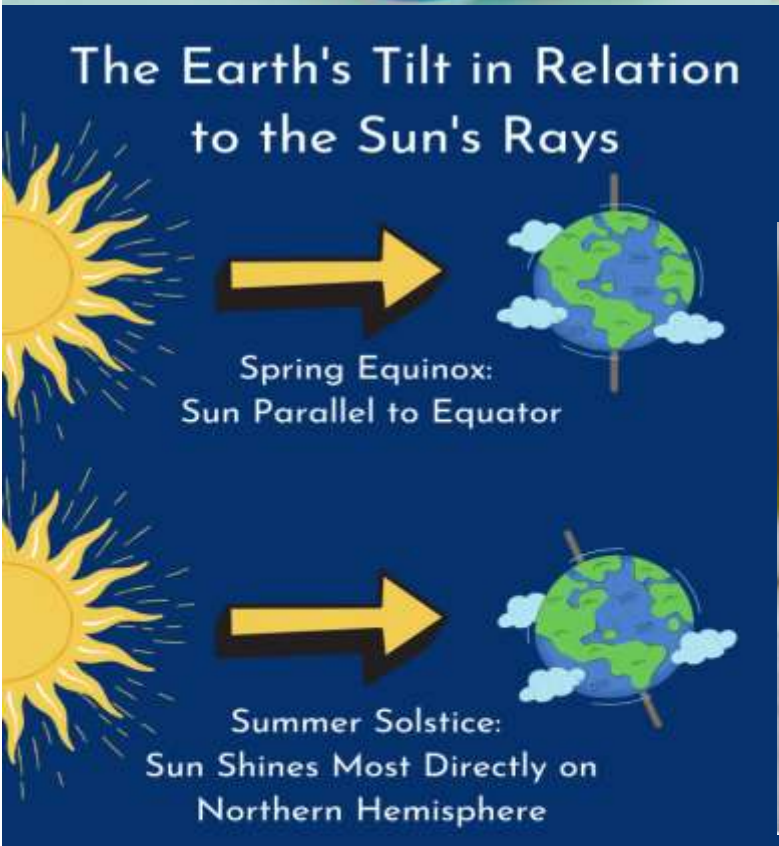


WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION  
Empowering Town Officials

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2025 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2025. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. View complete details [here](#).

Submit your essay along with required background information sheet to [sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com](mailto:sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com) or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166. Emailed or postmarked by May 23, 2025.

2025 Scholarship Topic: *“What are 3 top priorities your local town government officials should pursue to improve the quality of life in your community?”*





# Wildlife & Woods

Register via  
4HOnline  
[wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com)

## EXPLORATIONS VIRTUAL SERIES

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

**MAR. 26, 2025**  
**APRIL 23, 2025**

## CAREERS & COMPETITION VIRTUAL SERIES

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

**MAR. 24, 2025**  
**APRIL 28, 2025**



To learn more about virtual learning opportunities,  
please visit [4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/vlc)



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.

**Midwest Horse Fair is the largest 3-day horse fair in USA in Madison, WI at Alliant Energy Center presented by the Wisconsin Horse Council. The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Horse Association Used Tack Sale will once again be hosted by the Midwest Horse Fair in 2025.**



Experience all the fun of the fair as beloved Wisconsin author and storyteller Jerry Apps weaves together the long history of fairs through his memories as a 4-H leader, fair judge and lifelong fairgoer. This nostalgic and deep-fried documentary highlights how fairs have evolved over time and reflects on how county fairs are important to Wisconsin.



**ATTENTION ALL FAIR PARTICIPANTS:**

Remember that you **MUST** be enrolled in ALL the your 4-H projects you are entering into the fair on 4HOnline by **APRIL 1, 2024.**



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 BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR IN AFFILIATION WITH PEPIN COUNTY**



**BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR**  
*scholarship*

WE'RE OFFERING (2) \$250 SCHOLARSHIPS!!  
TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY GO TO [BUFFALOPEPINCOUNTYFAIR.COM](https://www.buffalopepincountyfair.com)

## Buffalo/Pepin County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement

Managerial Dairy/Livestock Project Definition: A managerial project is an animal that is under the supervision and regular daily care of, but not owned by, the exhibitor. A formal written agreement between the animal owner and the animal exhibitor, provided below is required. *This completed agreement must be sent to the UW-Extension Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Youth (Exhibitor) (Please Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The animal owner hereby agrees to assign managerial responsibility to the youth listed above for the animals indicated below.*

Animal Owner (Please Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name	Age of animal	Species (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, equine)	Breed	Tattoo, ear tag #, ear notch #, Coggins #	Premises ID# of location where animal is kept

**Please explain your agreement with the animal owner below.** Be specific. Include where animal is kept, how chore responsibilities are divided, who provides daily care (feeding & watering) for the animal, how youth helps animal owner, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 4-H Agent/FFA Advisor \_\_\_\_\_



**Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock  
Managerial Project Agreement  
Release of Liability**

**A RELEASE OF LIABILITY** regarding Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_(participant) and as parent/guardian of Participant, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I am aware that working with livestock animals and livestock-related equipment and being on the premises of an operating livestock farm poses certain risks of injury, including but not limited to, being stepped on, kicked, knocked down or against equipment and structures, struck by moving equipment, gates, falling objects, such as bedding, feed stuffs and equipment, as well as exposure to various types of materials which might cause allergies or other reactions.

Recognizing these possibilities of danger and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project, I agree to release (owner) \_\_\_\_\_ and all other persons and/or entities associated with the ownership of management of the animal and farm in question from all liability resulting from any injury of any nature whatsoever based on the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project Agreement.

It is my specific intention that this release is on-going and is effective for the entire project year and is effective not only on the farm of origin of the livestock animal, but at all other places where I am working with said livestock animal.

I further hereby release University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Buffalo County Junior Dairy/Livestock Managerial Project, including, but not limited to, its officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and all other entities and persons working with the Project without limitation.

**I have carefully read this Release of Liability Agreement. I fully understand and agree to its contents.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This section must be completed by exhibitor.

**MANAGERIAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES LOG**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

List the chores or activities that you were responsible for in the care of this managerial project. Examples:

- cleaning stalls or pens
- washing or grooming the animal
- feeding and watering
- walking or exercising the animal
- training the animal to show
- livestock shows attended
- practicing showmanship
- animal health or medical care
- other chores or activities

Work Date:	What You Did - Be Specific:	Time Spent:

Add additional pages as needed.

**Submit this page to the Buffalo County Fair Office on Fair Entry Day.**





## 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](mailto:lisakees@yahoo.com).***

## 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](mailto:gwen.prom@wisc.edu)**

## WISCONSIN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (WYLP) PRESENTS



### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING 2025

#### February 20 - Cooking with Beef

**Speakers:** Angie Horkan and Kaitlyn Kesler, Wisconsin Beef Council

#### March 18 - Management for your animal project, Biosecurity

**Speakers:** Dr. Gretchen May, Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Veterinarian

#### April 17 - Creating Charcuterie Boards

**Speakers:** Jessica Brown, Joshua Brantley, Heather Hunt, UW Madison.

All events are **free, *virtual*** and begin at 6:30 p.m. CST  
Can meet county educational requirements.

Hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, UW Madison/Division of Extension.  
For more information & how to register: <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>





# Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association

## Share-a-Kid Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. Through our Share-a-Kid Program, we award an average of 4 to 6 dairy goat kids with young people across the state each year. Some years we have been able to award more.

**Entries will be accepted until April 1.**

**For more information:**

<https://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/>



**Just in case you can't make it to our local 4-H Camp Kinnissippewa. Camps at Upham Woods registration will open on March 3rd at noon for the following:**

### *Traditional Camp:*

**Who:** Any youth entering 4th-8th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

**When:** August 16-19, 2025

**Registration Fee:** \$315

### *Outpost Camp:*

**Who:** Any youth entering 8th-10th grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

**When:** July 19-22, 2025

**Registration Fee:** \$335

**More information can be found on Upham Woods :**

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/>



## Buffalo County Farm Bureau

Calling all 11-16 year old youth looking to show a Dairy calf at the fair!  
Calf grant applications are due by March 31st.  
See the link below for more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/bcfbcalfgrant>



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"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.



# WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAYS

*Save the Dates*

**PIERCE COUNTY  
JUNE 13TH**

**CALUMET COUNTY  
JUNE 30TH**



WATCH INBOXES AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FUTURE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



# STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

**State 4-H Dog Obedience,  
Rally, Showmanship Show  
Sept. 27-28, 2025,  
Langlade**

**State Dog Agility Show  
October 11, 2025,  
Oshkosh**



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# WISCONSIN ENVIROTHON

**Wisconsin Envirothon is our state's ultimate middle and high school environmental science challenge. Teams of five high school or five middle school students participate in outdoor field challenges designed by natural resources professionals and educators on four categories: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, and Wildlife.**

***2025 Registration Now Open***

**April 11, 2025**

**Lions Camp | Rosholt, WI**

**[Register A Team](#)**

**LAND+WATER**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**CONSERVATION**  
*SUMMER*  
*Camp*

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6-8

**JUNE 15-18, 2025**  
Upham Woods | Wisconsin Dells, WI | \$300

**ADVENTURES**   **HIKING**   **ARTS & CRAFTS**

For more info: [wisconsinlandwater.org/camps](http://wisconsinlandwater.org/camps)

**LAND+WATER**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
**CONSERVATION**  
**CAMP**

\$450   JUNE 23 - 26, 2025   GRADES 9-12

Experience nature like never before with our natural resource educators in Wisconsin's beautiful north woods!

HAVE FUN

**MORE INFORMATION: WISCONSINLANDWATER.ORG/CAMPS**






# 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](http://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin4h-amicorps)



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**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](https://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:

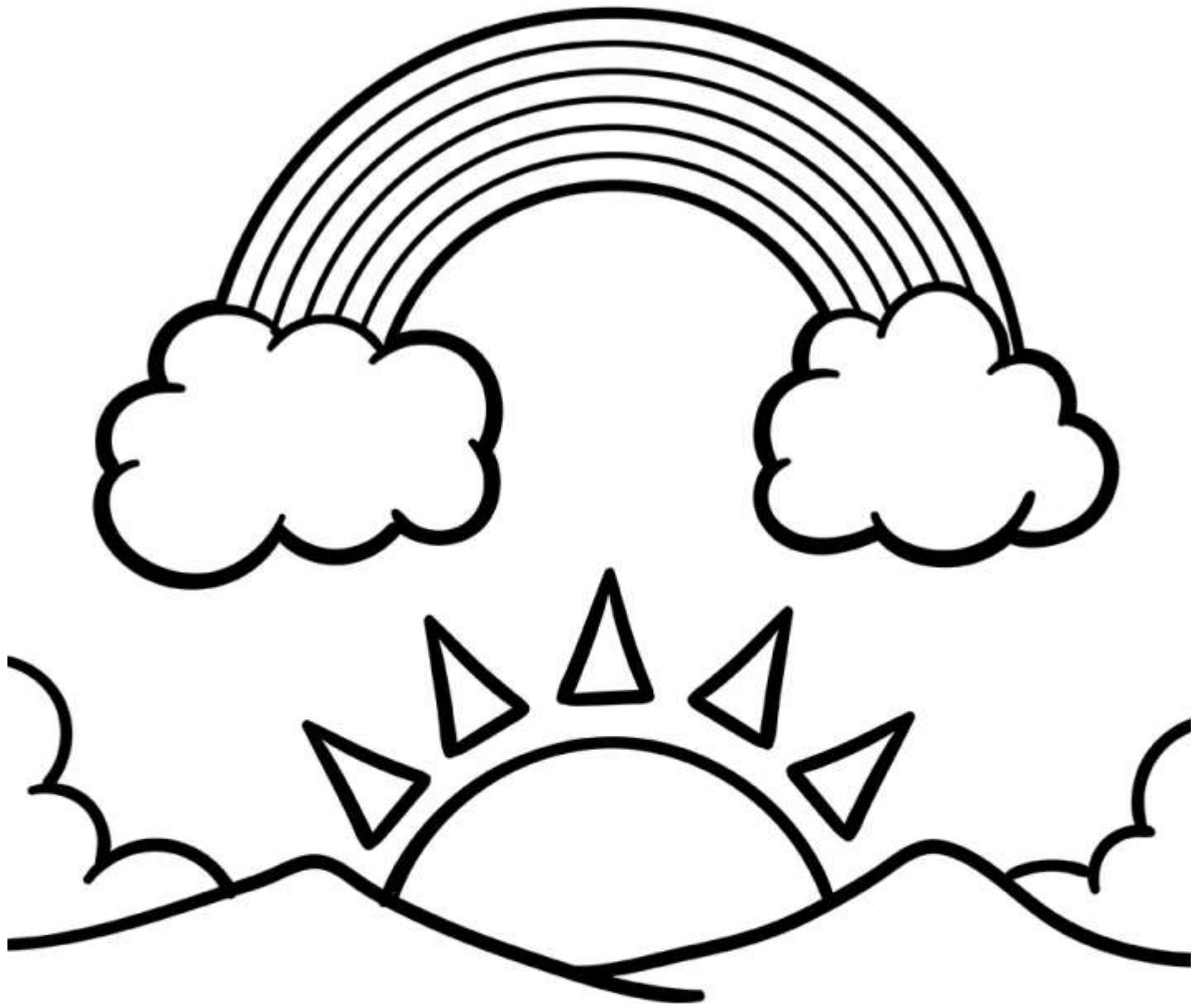
<https://badgertalks.wisc.edu/badger-talks-live/>



**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.**





**MARCH**

