



Pepin Pacer

Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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Re-Enroll for the New 4-H Year

4-H Online 2.0 is the online enrollment and registration system for Wisconsin 4-H. Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> to access the system using your family account information.

PLEASE ENROLL SOON.

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

[https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide .pdf](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide.pdf)

Contact your 4-H Leader or Gwen Prom at (715) 672-5214 with questions.



Head - Heart - Hands - Health

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 :





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 Monday & Tuesday nights
@ 6:30 p.m. in Pepin Sportsman's Club,
January-March. For 3rd Graders and older.
Contact Nicole Schonke @
612-644-7525

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

Community Health Youth Leaders (CHYL)
Durand /Arkansaw In-School Club
6th - 8th Graders
Typically meets (2) Fridays a month
in Room #009 during lunch
Contact Sky Holt @
715-279-7677



Pepin County 4-H Parent/ Leader Federation Meeting
Tentatively - January 10, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
Hide-A While, Mondovi

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:
ALISON DERRICKS
Congratulations for being our
4-H Fast Finder this month!
We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !



Enroll Today As An Adult Volunteer -4-H relies on all volunteers, as little or as much time as you can invest! Adult Volunteers, anyone who may lead an activity even at the club level, must be enrolled. This is part of the Youth Protection process in 4-H. Then we have enrollment and screening information and you are covered by secondary liability insurance. To show your interest in volunteering for Pepin County 4-H complete a survey at :

<https://forms.gle/Zr44jDpHD23Pu5af6>

Or scan the QR code:



Attention Pepin County Volunteers:

It has come to our attention that there have been some bugs in the 4Honline trainings. To remedy this please take a screenshot of the top left corner of the training and send to Gwen Prom at gwen.prom@wisc.edu – (there's a box that will say "% complete" and it should say 100% if you have completed all the content. There should also be a list of training headings with checkmarks that are all green if it is complete).

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

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World Smile Day, October 3, 2025. Bring smiles to the faces of others through acts of kindness, community work, and of course offering your own lovely smile **to brighten everyone's day!!!**



2024 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT AT:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/PW-
TXQZGQ3BAXAAQF9](https://forms.gle/PW-TXQZGQ3BAXAAQF9)

**OCTOBER 12
1-3 PM**

**PIZZA AND PASTA
BUFFET INCLUDED**

Please Register by October 3rd



Pickleball Equipment is available to use for FREE checkout from our Office, just call (715-672-5214) ahead to check availability.

"Life's greatest adventures begin when you dare to step outside your comfort zone." — Unknown

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](#)



GUESS THE WORD !!



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Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. All Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to submit their ideas for a new ice cream flavor, along with a flavor description and interesting flavor name. Entries are being accepted now through November 15!

For contest information, rules, and entry form, visit:

<https://cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest/>



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

| 2025-2026 State & National Experiences Calendar | | | | | | Last updated on 8/28/2025 |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| What? | When? | Where? | Who? | How much? | How to register | Staff Leads & Adult volunteers |
| Arts Camp go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp | October 4 - 5, 2025 | Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI | Grades 6-8 | \$150 (tiered pricing) Billed individually | 2025 Registration closed August 29. <i>Stay tuned for 2026 details!</i> Payment due: October 4, 2025 | 1 adult / 10 youth track leads & advisory support application via 4HOnline registration |
| Fall Forum go.wisc.edu/4Hfallforum | October 31 - November 2, 2025 | Green Lake, WI | Grades 7-12 & 4-H Volunteers | \$65 (day only) \$185 (2 nights) Billed individually | Registration in 4Honline open September 3 - 26, 2025 Payment due: October 15, 2025 | Youth must identify a chaperone or will be assigned to one. All 4-H volunteers are welcome to attend. |
| Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership go.wisc.edu/yncl | November 14 - 16, 2025 | Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI | Grades 9-12 & Adults (21 or older) | \$180 | Registration in 4Honline open June 13 - October 3, 2025 Payment due: October 15, 2025 | 1 adult / 10 youth |
| National 4-H Congress 2025 go.wisc.edu/4HCongress | November 28 - December 2, 2025 | Atlanta, GA | Grades 9-12; maximum age 18 on January 1 of program year. | \$1,500 | 2025 Registration closed June 30. See 2026 details below! Payment due: October 24, 2025 | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 adult advisors selected 2 staff leads |
| ArtBEAT! go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat | March 13 - 15, 2026 | Upham Woods Wisconsin Dells, WI | Grades 3-5 | \$150 (estimate; tiered pricing) Billed individually | Registration in 4Honline open January 12 - February 8, 2026 Capacity is limited. Payment due: March 13, 2026 | 1 adult / 10 youth track leads & advisory support |
| Citizenship Washington Focus @ Ignite by 4-H go.wisc.edu/CWF | March 24 - 29, 2026 | Washington, DC | Grades 10-12 | \$2,800 | Applications in 4Honline open September 4 - 29, 2025 Capacity is limited. Payment due: October 15, 2025 | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 staff leads |
| Ignite by 4-H STEM Track Animal Science Track go.wisc.edu/igniteby4h | March 25 - 29, 2026 | Washington, DC | Grades 10-12 | \$2,500 | Applications in 4Honline open September 4 - 29, 2025 Capacity is limited. Payment due: October 15, 2025 | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 staff leads |

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| National 4-H Conference go.wisc.edu/NationalConf | TBD | Washington, DC | Grades 10-12 | \$2,000 (estimate) | Application process TBD Five youth delegates selected Payment due: TBD | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 staff leads | |
| Space Camp go.wisc.edu/SpaceCamp | April 23 - 27, 2026 | Huntsville, AL | Grades 6-8 | \$1,300 (estimate) | Registration in 4Honline open November 15 - December 14, 2025 Capacity is limited. Payment due: March 19, 2026 | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 adult advisors selected 2 staff leads | |
| Summer Academy go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy | June 14 - 18, 2026 | Madison, WI | Grades 8-11 | \$600 | Registration in 4Honline open March 6 - April 26, 2026 Payment due: May 10, 2026 | 1 adult / 10 youth Track leads & advisory support All staff are invited to serve as leads | |

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| American Spirit East go.wisc.edu/AmericanSpirit | June 19 - 28, 2026 July 3 - 12, 2026 | East Coast | Grades 8-10 at time of registration | \$3,000 (estimate) | Apply in 4Honline, open November 1 - November 30, 2025 Capacity is limited. Payment due: May 15, 2026 | 1 adult / 10 youth 2 staff leads per week | |
| 2026-2027 | | | | | | | |
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4-H IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE RIBBONS AND AWARDS... IT'S ABOUT THE FRIENDS, THE EXPERIENCE, THE MEMORIES, BEING A ROLE MODEL, GIVING BACK, AND MAKING THE BEST BETTER.



4-H is teaming up with **NBC Universal** and **Wicked Movie** to celebrate youth who lead with heart and hands. As an official nonprofit partner of Wicked: For Good (in theaters Nov. 21) 4-H is shining a spotlight on young changemakers who prove that everyday acts of good can be powerful. Stay tuned for the **#4HForGood** Challenge launching Oct. 9 during National 4-H Week! <https://bit.ly/3IOSqHZ> **#WickedMovie** **#4HForGood** **#4HBeyondReady**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

YOUTH AS PARTNERS IN CIVIC LEADERSHIP 2025

We are dedicated to advancing youth voice in Wisconsin and we advocate for a youth voice and build mentoring, networking, and learning opportunities.



WORKSHOP & ACTIVITIES:

- Healthy Livings
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Diversity/Multicultural Engagement
- Ending Bullying and Youth Violence
- Advocacy Roundtable
- Talent show

**OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 14-18 AND
ADULTS 19 OR OLDER SHARING
DECISION-MAKING ROLES**

*At least 2 adults per group of 10






























**REGISTRATION OPEN IN
4H ONLINE THROUGH
OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE SCAN OR VISIT
GO.WISC.EDU/YPCL**



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

October 2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| 5 World Teachers Day Make a craft & card for your teacher.  | 6 Badger Day Learn about badgers. Draw and color one.  | 7 Taco Day Make a list of taco toppings.  | 1 Pumpkin Seed Day Learn about the pumpkin life cycle with this foldable activity.  | 2 Name Your Car Day Think of a name for your car or talk about what it is!  | 3 World Smile Day Use a paper plate to make a smiling face.  | 4 Cinnamon Roll Day Decorate a paper plate to look like a cinnamon roll.  |
| 12 Farmers Day Enjoy a farm color by number activity.  | 13 M&M Day Use this candy for math fun with sorting, counting, & more.  | 14 Dessert Day Make a list of your 5 favorite desserts.  | 15 Mushroom Day Make a cute mushroom craft.  | 16 Dictionary Day Have fun with a dictionary using these activities.  | 17 Pasta Day How many types of pasta can you name?  | 18 Chocolate Cupcake Day Make a batch of chocolate cupcakes.  |
| 19 Evaluate Your Life Day Talk about the past month or so. How has it gone?  | 20 Sloth Day Make sloth coloring bookmarks for reading fun.  | 21 Apple Day Learn about the apple life cycle with this foldable activity.  | 22 Color Day Have fun with coloring mixing with these activities.  | 23 Snow Leopard Day Learn about snow leopards. Draw one!  | 24 Kangaroo Day Learn about kangaroos. Jump like one!  | 25 Artist Day Enjoy an artist-themed word search.  |
| 26 Pumpkin Day Have some learning fun with pumpkins with these activities.  | 27 Black Cat Day Make a cute black cat craft.  | 28 Chocolate Day What is your favorite type of chocolate? Why?  | 29 Cat Day Make cat coloring bookmarks for reading fun.  | 30 Candy Corn Day Make paper plate candy corn pieces.  | 31 Halloween Have fun with Halloween activity sheets.  | |

JOIN US ON NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Service Sunday

Complete an act of service or share about an act of service you have completed

BEYOND READY: GO GREEN

Go GREEN and show your 4-H State spirit!

Thank You Tuesday

Thank a local educator, club leader or 4-H volunteer

Rewind Wednesday

Wear your favorite 4-H gear

BEYOND READY: 4-H FOR GOOD

A day to recognize all the 4-H'ers who are making a positive impact

Fun Fact Friday

Share your favorite 4-H fun fact!

Sing Along Saturday

What's your favorite 4-H song?



OCTOBER 5-11



GROW MAKE SERVE THRIVE



CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WITH US FROM OCTOBER 5TH TO 11TH BY JOINING IN ON THIS YEAR'S THEME DAYS! SHARE YOUR PARTICIPATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW 4-HERS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

WISCONSIN 4-H



STATEWIDE SERVICE PROJECT

Let's "pledge our hands to larger service" for
National 4-H Week!

October 5-11, 2025

We encourage every club to
participate in a service
project during (or around)
National 4-H Week!

Live the 4-H Pledge and give
back to our local communities!



How can your club join the statewide service project for National 4-H Week (October 5-11)? Work together as a club to brainstorm some service project ideas - make sure youth voice is key to the project. Decide as a club on a project, and carry out that activity before, during or after National 4-H week. Once your club has decided on a project, register your idea here: <https://go.wisc.edu/1337z7> . All clubs that register their projects will receive commemorative stickers for participating.

Northern Wisconsin Beef Producers

20th Annual Kids & Cows Family Day

Education. fun. hands on learning for all ages and experience levels.



Saturday October 11, 2025

AT A NEW LOCATION:
Bloomer Fairgrounds
Bloomer, WI

- Registration.....7:30-9:00
- Educational Workshops..... 9:00-12:00
- Lunch/Fun Break.....Noon-1:00
Food Stand, AG Olympics & Fitting Contest
- Showmanship Competition.....Begins at 1:15
Showmanship is open to all ages
and classes are youngest to oldest.
- Breed Show.....Following Showmanship

**2 SHOW RINGS AGAIN
THIS YEAR!**

For Rules and Entry Information:

www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com

Contact Lori Lyons 715-210-0049 or lalyons4@yahoo.com

EARLY ENTRY will be available later this year, check
website for details as event approaches.

Early Entry Fee: \$10 per Kid & \$10 per head of cattle

Early entry closes on 10-8-2025, No Refunds

Day of Registration Fee: \$15 per Kid
& \$15 per head of cattle



**Kids are encouraged to bring their own
cattle— kids and adults without will
have one provided*



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/>



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



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/>



