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Pepin County 4-H Newsletter



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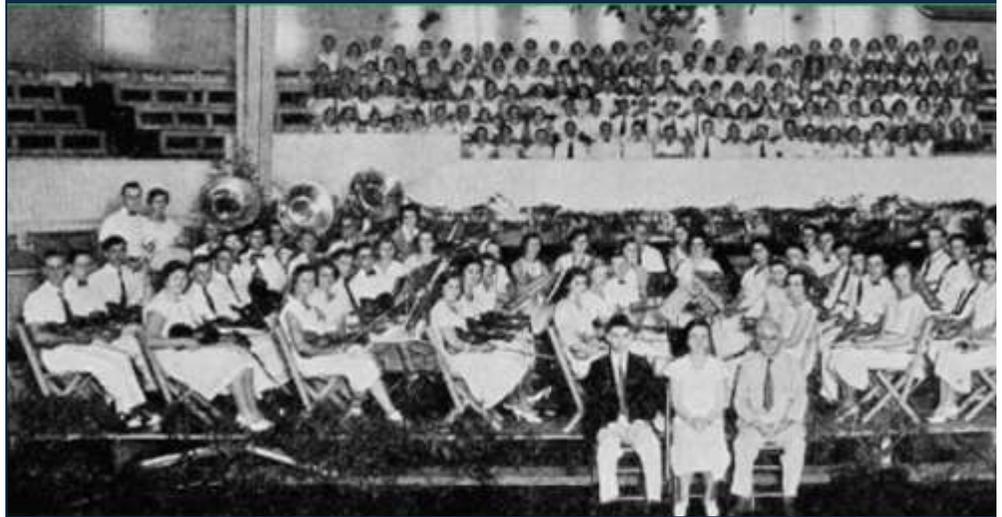
<http://wi.4honline.com/>

4-H FUN FACT



National 4-H Music Hour

During the early 1930s 4-H bands and orchestra would produce and air a monthly educational musical show on NBS Network.



National 4-H History Preservation

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 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
April 15, 2026 @ 5:30 pm
Boardroom, Pepin Co. 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:
DECLAN DERRICKS
Congratulations for being our
4-H Fast Finder this month!
We hope you enjoy the
Pepin Pacer !



DISCOVER PEPIN/BUFFALO SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB!

We are very excited to continue 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 yro and older
No experience necessary
Equipment provided
Fee: \$10-



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:

Monday & Tuesday nights,
Excluding 3rd Tuesday of each month
January 12- March 31
Prac: 6:00-7:30 pm
Meeting: 7:30-8:00 pm



QUESTIONS

-  Pepin County 4-H
-  (715) 672-5214
-  sky.holt@wisc.edu



**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 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)



Use this as 4-H Project Practice?

GRATITUDE DRAWING PROMPT:

Draw someone that helps you.

We'd love to include your drawing in the next Pepin Pacer! Just email a photo of it to gwen.prom@wisc.edu.

The graphic features a light blue background with various colorful elements: a green star, two purple stars, a pink thought bubble, a green pencil, a yellow starburst, and a set of four colored pencils (green, yellow, purple, red) standing upright. There are also some abstract swirls and lines in the background.

March Photo Challenge

This month's categories:

- How's the Weather
- Cozy Textures
- Favorite Breakfast
- Something Green

Send up to 4 photos with a brief description of the photo and how it fits in the category to gwen.prom@wisc.edu by April 10.



The Polaroid photos show: a close-up of a white, fluffy texture (possibly a blanket or snow), a close-up of a golden-brown donut with white frosting, and a snowman made of a white snowball on a wooden fence.



YOU'RE AWESOME!
YOU ARE THE BEST!
WELL DONE!
GOOD JOB!

WORLD COMPLIMENT DAY

MARCH 1

The graphic includes several colorful speech bubbles with positive phrases, a thumbs-up icon, and a heart icon. The text 'WORLD COMPLIMENT DAY' is in large, bold, purple and yellow letters, with 'MARCH 1' below it.

World Compliment Day is celebrated annually on **March 1st** to boost global morale, happiness, and productivity through the power of sincere, verbal, and non-material appreciation. Founded by Hans Poortvliet in the Netherlands, this initiative seeks to create the "most positive day in the world" by encouraging people to simply share kind words with others. Giving **a compliment is easy, whether it's telling someone you like their shoes, or letting them know they're doing a great job — whatever it is, it can change someone's whole day around. So this day is a reminder to vocalize your positive thoughts and watch them light up a room!**

LEGO CLUB MARCH DATES:

MARCH 6, 13, 27

4:15 - 5:15 PM
IN THE DURAND LIBRARY

ALL YOUTH GRADES K-5
WELCOME!





**STEM
PROGRAMS**

**Join the Durand Public Library and
Pepin County 4-H for these awesome
STEM programs!**

**March 7,
March 14
March 28**

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Durand Library



AmeriCorps



LASER ENGRAVING

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

MARCH 21
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
PEPIN PUBLIC LIBRARY





**Pepin County 4-H
Award Trip Applications
can be found on our
website under
4-H FORMS**

APPLY NOW!

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Register Now!

Wausau

April 25, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Marathon County Extension Office, Wausau, WI



STEAM GAZE
Exploring Art and Science

Milwaukee

May 16, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Kellog PEAK, Milwaukee, WI

Art and science hands-on workshops
Available for youth in grades 3-5
\$10 per youth participant

Learn more:
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../steam-gaze-a-creative.../>

The WROF, Inc. Premier Scholarship Award Program is open. Scholarship requirements include the following: High school seniors must have lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years, currently attend school in WI, and plan to return to their rural roots upon graduation. Apply online until 11:59 pm on Friday, March 7, 2025.

Visit www.wrof.org for more information .



4-H Scholarships



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Eligibility:

- Must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least 3 years
- GPA of 2.5/4.0
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in a university, college, or technical school during the following academic year

Applicants will submit an online application form with their cover letter and résumé

Learn more!



DUE: March 1 at 11:59 p.m.



**“Think left and think right
and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up
if only you try!”**

- Dr. Seuss

March 2 - Dr. Seuss Day

2026 Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship Program

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026



Wisconsin Towns Association, in partnership with Scott Construction, Inc., and Rural Mutual Insurance Company, is excited to announce the 2026 WTA Scholarship Contest. We invite Wisconsin's graduating high school seniors to participate by innovatively writing an essay answering this year's question for a chance to win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships.

2026 Essay Question:

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

GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS

<https://www.wisctowns.com/resources/scholarship/>

Candidates Must:

- **Be a resident of Wisconsin, graduating from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2026, and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university.**
- **Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college or university will be required to receive a scholarship.**

Important Information:

- **Essays will be independently judged on originality and overall writing quality, relevant only to the 2026 question noted above. Essays must demonstrate correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.**
- **Judging will be completed by August 10, 2026.**
- **Winners will be announced by August 24, 2026, and only the Scholarship Award recipients will be contacted.**
- **Scholarships will be awarded to the top 10 applicants with the highest-ranking essay scores as follows:**
 - **Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to eight applicants with the highest-ranking essay scores.**
 - **Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to two students with the highest-ranking essay scores currently residing in a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company (insured as of May 1, 2026).**
 - *Please note: Students do not need to know if their town is insured.*

Essay Requirements:

- **Essay must be written by the student submitting. **NOT AI GENERATED****
- **Essay must only address the WTA 2026 Scholarship Contest question, noted above.**
- **Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and between 500 and 1,000 words.**
- **Bibliographic listing of all sources used must be included.**
- **Submit your essay as a (.doc or .docx) WORD document file.**

UPHAM WOODS PRESENTS

SUMMER CAMP 2026



Camp (grades 3-7): August 1-4,
Outpost (grades 7-9): July 19-22

REGISTER

Wildlife & Woods

Register via
4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

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

**MAR. 25, 2026
APRIL 29, 2026
MAY 20, 2026**



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

Wildlife & Woods

Register via
4HOnline
wi.4honline.com

**CAREERS & COMPETITION
VIRTUAL SERIES**
FREE SERIES: FOR YOUTH GRADES 6-13
7:00PM-7:45PM

**MAR. 23, 2026
APRIL 27, 2026
MAY 18, 2026**



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

Wildlife & Woods Explorations are suggested for grades K-5 through elementary school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include wildlife, forestry, wildlife art and more. Register here: <https://26wildlifeexplorations.4honline.com/>

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competitions Series are suggested for middle school through high school youth and their families. The sessions will be interactive and will include guest speakers talking about careers, information about wildlife and forestry competitions and resources available to learn more. Register here: <https://26wildlifecareers.4honline.com/>

You can also find the registration in your 4HOnline profile on the events tab.



YOUNG ADULT LEADER POSITION

For Summer Academy 2026

Applicants Must be:

- Between the ages of 19 and 25
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- A role model and support system for youth attendees

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAR. 1ST

Young Adult Leaders also must be able to attend trainings and an on-site orientation

Applications are open for Summer Academy 2026 Young Adult Leaders! Summer Academy will take place June 14–18 on the UW–Madison campus, and young adult leaders play a key role in mentoring youth and supporting the overall program experience. Adult advisor positions are also available for those aged 25 or older and interested in serving as mentors and guides during the event.

More : <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewi.../summer-academy/>

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contests

Registration Form



(4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest is on a separate registration form. Please request it.)

Friday, March 27, 2026 OR Saturday, March 28, 2026

Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI (Hwy 45 South of West Bend)

All Wisconsin 4-H club members are encouraged to participate. To be eligible to take part in this contest you must be registered as a Wisconsin 4-H Club member in any project area. This contest is an opportunity for you to become familiar with the wildlife habitat education program competition and the forestry program competition. Most of the questions will be multiple choices. All test questions come from material covered in the study guides.

WHEP Ecoregion: Eastern Deciduous Forest (Study Guides are available – Please email your request.)

Junior 4-H Wildlife WHEP Contest

Wisconsin Wildlife ID – WI Mammals, birds, waterfowl, reptiles, raptors, silhouettes, etc.
 Wildlife Terms – Basic wildlife related terms list. Wildlife Foods ID – Basic wildlife related foods list

Intermediate & Senior Wildlife WHEP Contest

(5 sections/ 10 each): Concepts; Management Practices; Wildlife Identification; Foods Identification; WHEP Terms.

Forestry: Wisconsin Woodlands & Forests (Study Guides are available – Please email your request.)

Junior 4-H Forestry Contest (30 multiple choice questions)

Wisconsin Trees & Shrubs ID – Trees & shrubs , leaves, bark, mast, silhouettes, etc. Forestry Terms – Basic forestry related terms

Intermediate & Senior Forestry Contest – Wisconsin Woodlands & Forests

(5 sections - 10/each): Compass & Topo Maps; Tree Identification; Tree Health - Insects/Diseases; Tree Measurements; and Forest Evaluation.

Wildlife & Forestry contest information on website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>
 Additional WHEP information is at: www.whep.org Additional Forestry information: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>

Questions: w4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

Friday: Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests

Approx. 40 minutes Approx. 40 minutes
 WHEP 4:00-8:30 Forestry 4:00-8:30

Saturday: Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests

Approx. 40 minutes Approx. 40 minutes
 WHEP 7:00-12:00 Forestry 7:00-12:00

Your Grade as of January 1st.

Junior (3-6 grade) Intermediate (7-9 grade) Senior (10-13 grade)

Registration Fees: (No Refunds) - \$12.00 per person. You can enter one contest or both contests for the same fee.

Each PARTICIPANT receives one WHEP/FORESTRY Contest T-Shirt. Adult sizes: Small Medium Large X Large XXL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 4-H Club _____ County _____ E-mail _____

Permission Statement: I grant permission for my child to participate in the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Contest, Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contest, and Tri-County 4-H Invitational and related activities. I release the Washington County Agriculture and Industrial Society & Washington County Fair Park, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility. I agree to pay all expenses not covered by insurance. I authorize the use of photographs of our family at this event for educational or media purposes. I have read and understand the rules regarding participation.

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Participant's Signature: _____

Program support is provided by Northern Kettle Moraine Whitetails Unlimited Chapter, Washington County Whitetails Unlimited Chapter, Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation Chapters, Friends of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, and Friends of Wisconsin 4-H Forestry. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Total fees: _____ Check Number _____ Make checks payable to: **Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports**
 Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379

EM: washingtonco4hshootingsports@gmail.com

Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records. Copy as needed. WHEP/Forestry20260090125

Contest Rules:

- Your youth division is determined by your grade at date of the contest. As of January 1st Junior 3-6 grade, Intermediate 7-9 grade, Senior 10-13 grade.
- Parents, friends & coaches are not allowed in the contest area.
- Reading assistance will be provided.
- I acknowledge that this youth has reviewed and understands the rules and guidelines for the Contest.
- I acknowledge that this youth is currently enrolled in 4-H and is entered in the correct class.
- Individual awards will be presented.
- This is a national WHEP & FORESTRY qualifying event.

• Adult 4-H Leader or 4-H Youth Development Educator

Signature _____ Ph# _____
 +++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++



ART CONTEST: 4-H Wildlife & Forestry Registration

(4-H Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests are on a separate registration form. Please request copies.)

Friday, March 27, 2026 and Saturday, March 28, 2026
 Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy. PV, West Bend, WI (Hwy 45 S. of West Bend)



This 4-H activity is open to all Wisconsin 4-H Club members. You may be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities. **See additional guidelines and wildlife/forestry art contest rules on page 2.**

"Brief Description" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached explaining your wildlife item and its wildlife-forestry connection on one side and your name, club, and county on the other side. See examples in guidelines on page two. Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. No face to face judging. Judges will give TEN awards in each age group and in each class.

Grade as of Jan. 1st: __ K-5-2nd grade; __ 3rd-4th grade; __ 5th-6th grade; __ 7th-8th-9th grade; __ 11-13 grade

Check the box with your choice of entries – 6 ENTRIES TOTAL (One entry per class.)

- 1-Nesting Structure or Feeder for Bird, Bee, Butterfly, or Bat House, etc.** – The structure meets specific requirements for the named critter. Include - overall size, shape, and hole diameter or opening, etc. (Ornamental bird houses, etc. must be entered in crafts.) Include your story telling description.
- 2-Craft** – Craft item has wildlife or forestry connection. Examples: leather craft, stitchery, clothing, sculpture, wildlife folk art, plaster tracks, quiver, etc. Craft items must be made by exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (Do not use "put together craft kits" or similar items.)
- 3-Drawing** – Drawing can be any size, (does not need to be mounted) that has a wildlife, forestry, or wildlife habitat connection. Drawing can be pencil, ink, charcoal, chalk, pastel, colored pencil or similar on any surface. Drawing will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- 4-Invasive Plant or Weed** – Poster, display, or dried example of an invasive plant or weed (immature and mature if possible). Include item name, your description, and control measures. Also, include date & location where found for each item for actual collections. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year. Examples: purple loosestrife, ragweed, etc. Include your story telling description.
- 5-Orienteering & Geocaching** – Poster or display on Compass, GPS, or Topographic Map Use. Items will be judged on their relationship to wildlife or forestry applications. Poster or display related to geocaching. Include your story telling description.
- 6-Painting** – Your painting can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Painting can be acrylic, watercolor, oil, or similar on any surface. Painting will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness and your description.
- 7-Photo Black & White** – Your black & white photo or silhouette photo (one photo only) can be any size and does not need to be mounted that has a Wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description. No people allowed.
- 8-Photo Color** – Your color photo (one only), any size, and does not need to be mounted that has a wildlife or forestry connection. Photo will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description. No people allowed.
- 9-Recycle** – Any item related to wildlife, forestry, or for wildlife use. Example – Items that birds use to make nests: bird feeders, etc.. Item will be judged on "story telling ability", practical usefulness, neatness, and your brief description.
- 10-Taxidermy** – Item or display made 4-H member during the current 4-H year. Include date, location, and county where critter was obtained. Also, include a description of the critter and of your taxidermy work.
- 11-Trail Camera Photo – Large / Small Mammal** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family/grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- 12-Trail Camera Photo – Upland Bird, Backyard Bird, Waterfowl, or Raptor** – Photo from a trail camera can be any size and does not need to be mounted. Include animal name, date, location (county), and brief description of the picture. Also include the relationship of the camera's owner. Picture must have been taken with your immediate family or grandparents trail camera after September 1st of the previous year. Photos will be judged on "story telling ability", neatness, and your description.
- 13-Tree or Shrub** – Item, poster or display of a tree or shrub, parts, measurements, related insects or diseases, etc. Include the tree/shrub name and description. Also, can be with an animal, insect, bird, or critter that makes their home in, on, or near a particular tree or shrub species. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- 14-WHEP Wildlife or Forestry Concept** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP or forestry Concept (or part of a concept) from the current national manuals. Include the concept name and a description. Examples: habitat requirements, stages, food chain, etc. E-mail us with your questions.
- 15-WHEP Wildlife Foods** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP foods (or part of a food group) from the current national WHEP manual. Include the food group name and a description. Examples: aquatic plants, grains, soft mast, hard mast, etc. E-mail us with your questions.
- 16-WHEP or Forestry Management Practice** – Item, diorama, poster, or display of a WHEP Management Practice (or part of a management practice) from the current national WHEP Manual. Include management practice name and your description Examples: planting trees, fish or wildlife survey, creating snags, wildlife damage management, recreational uses, products, tools used, etc. E-mail us with your questions.
- 17-Wildflower** – Dried or pressed wildflowers, poster or display of wildflowers or parts of a wildflower. Include name, date, location (county) where found and your description. This entry may include items from the entire preceding calendar year.
- 18-Wildlife or Forestry Game** – Individual or group game or learning activity related to wildlife or forestry. Include name of game, supplies, rules, and ages for participation. Also, briefly describe what will be learned by the participants. Include a picture of the game being used if possible. Your item can be a 4-H youth leader activity from the entire preceding year.
- 19-Wildlife Art Celebration - 25th Anniversary** – Details coming soon.

4-H WILDLIFE & FORESTRY ART CONTEST ENTRY FEES: (Reminder: 1 entry per class.)

Youth entered in 4-H Wildlife/Forestry Art Contest only (Includes a Tri County T-shirt)

___ \$10.00 First item; ___ \$3.00 second item; ___ \$3.00 third item; ___ \$3.00 fourth item; ___ \$3.00 fifth item; ___ \$3.00 sixth item

Youth entered in the Tri County Tournament and in the 4-H Wildlife/Forestry Art Contest:

___ \$3.00 First item; ___ \$3.00 second item; ___ \$3.00 third item; ___ \$3.00 fourth item; ___ \$3.00 fifth item; ___ \$3.00 6th item

Can't Attend the Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest. Please make arrangements with a friend to bring your items and take them along home after the event. If that is not possible, please mail/ship your entry in an "acceptable, returnable, and reusable packaging". Your items will be return shipped after the contest. We are not responsible for lost or damaged shipments. Please include the proper applicable shipping cost for the return shipment (nearest dollar value) with your registration fee. See your local Post Office or UPS Store for applicable shipping rates. Your General Club Leader or Extension Youth Development Educator or Project Leader must acknowledge that your entry is your work and that it was made during the current 4-H project year. Contact us with questions.

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Art Contest Rules

- Only North American wildlife (including migratory critters), plants, etc., **especially those in found in Wisconsin will be ranked higher.**
- Items must be made in the current 4-H project year and after September 1st of the previous year. (See listed exceptions.)
- All 4-H wildlife artwork must be done by the participant and not previously exhibited at a Wildlife WHEP -Forestry 4-H Art Contest.
- Mountings or frames on photos, drawings, and paintings are not required. Items will be judged on their "story telling ability", neatness, and your brief description.
- Diorama, displays, pictures, and posters can be any reasonable size as long as it is easy to handle and display

• **"Brief Description- Required" – All items must have a 3" X 5" card attached with your name, club, & county on one side and description. See examples below.**

• **Your Wildlife or Forestry Description is Required and counts 30% toward an award" - 75 words maximum.**

Your description includes the correct critter name or names. You can include habitat information (diet, water & cover), and other interesting comments that tells the story about your item.

Brief example for "Photo, Drawing, or Painting": (Your picture of deer) so your description is as follows:

"White-tailed Deer - This is a large mammal. Habitat: forest & prairie areas. Foods sources: grass, acorns, browse"

Brief example for "Wildlife WHEP Concept" poster: (Your concept is a food web) so your description is as follows:

"Food Web - A food web is a network of interconnected food chains. A food chain starts with primary producer (example), and next is primary consumer (example). Next is secondary consumer (example) and tertiary consumer (example) follows next".

- Youth are limited to **one entry in a class for your age and six entries total.**
- Make sure your project will withstand being handled. Projects will be on display for others to view and to examine.
- **No face to face judging. Judges will give TEN awards (and honorable mention as determined) in each age group and each class.**
- Any entry not meeting all contest rules will not be eligible for an award.
- Items are entered on Friday evening or Saturday morning. **Items must be registered and on display by 10:00 A.M. Saturday. Late items will not be judged. Items are on display until 1:00 P.M. Please make arrangements for pick-up of your entries if you leave early.**
- +++ An incomplete registration form will not be accepted. +++

I acknowledge that this youth is currently enrolled in 4-H and is entered in the correct classes and projects are from the current year.

General Club Leader, Shooting Sports Leader, 4-H Project Leader, or Extension Educator

• Signature _____ PH# _____ Project Leader for _____

Tri-County Wildlife Contest: Friday night & Saturday to 1:00PM. **Separate age classes: (K-5, Ages 6-7 for fun ONLY) 8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-19.** Different tests will be used in various age divisions. There are 40 each (K-5 & 6-7 = 15) multiple choice questions. No parents can help. Reading assistance provided. **No fee required and you are automatically entered.** See the wildlife team entry form for details. (This contest is not the Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Statewide Competition. See the separate registration form.) **No registration required for K-5 -ages 6-7. Just come to the contest table. I'm entered on a tournament wildlife team, (K-5 ages 6-7 not eligible.)** Team Name: _____

See Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H website for details on wildlife contest topics: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education>. See 4-H Shooting Sports website for more details on wildlife contest topics: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/>. Each PARTICIPANT receives only one Tournament T-Shirt. Adult sizes: ___ Small; ___ Medium; ___ Large; ___ XL; ___ XXL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Postmarked Saturday, March 7, 2026. No late entries accepted.

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Grade _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
4-H Club _____ County _____ E-mail _____

Program support is provided by Northern Kettle Moraine Whitetails Chapter, Washington Co. Whitetails Chapter, Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation Chapters, Friends of Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H, and Friends of Wisconsin 4-H Forestry. THANK YOU.

Permission Statement: I grant permission for my child to participate in the Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Art Contest and related activities. I release the hosting facility, their employees, UW Extension employees, volunteers, and donors from any financial responsibility while participating or in attendance. I agree to pay all expenses not covered by insurance. I authorize the use of photographs of me & our family at this event for educational or media purposes. **I have read and understand the contest rules regarding participation.**

Signature: Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____ Participant's Signature: _____

Total fees: _____ Check Number _____ Make checks payable to: **Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports**

Mail to: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 2401 Western Avenue, Jackson, WI 53037 PH: 262-677-2379 **Keep a copy of this form.**

EM: washingtonco4hshootingsports@gmail.com **Please return this form with payment. Keep a copy for your records.**



The Fair
Theme for
2026 :

**“Where
Town
and
Country
Come
Together”**

The 2026 Fairbook is LIVE
on the Fair website:

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

The Buffalo County Fair in
Affiliation with Pepin County is
proud to announce that our 2026
Scholarship Application is now
OPEN!

We are awarding (2) \$500
scholarships to eligible graduating
seniors who have been active
participants in the Buffalo County
Fair.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2026
More information on our website:
www.buffalopepincountyfair.com



Buffalo 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 1st.*

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 |
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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.

Signature of 4-H Agent/FFA Advisor Date: _____

**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

upcoming MEAT ANIMAL EVENTS

4/11/26

Hog Tag Pick-up @ Fairgrounds, Mondovi

4/25/26

Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds, Mondovi

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, 2026.



YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

INSTRUCTOR - LED TRAININGS

Buffalo County Fair livestock exhibitors must have the annual YQCA certification.

Pre-registration & pre-test required.

Go to: YQCAProgram.org



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Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma

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Marten Center - Mondovi

**ALL TRAININGS
BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.**

Walk-ins cannot be accepted.



Contact the Extension office for more information.



WI 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION

HORSE EDUCATION DAYS

MAY 2 - 3, 2026

EXCITING CHANGES!

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Horse Bowl
- ✓ Hippology
- ✓ Speaking and Demonstration
- ✓ Photography
- ✓ Model Horse
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Team Problems
- ✓ Creative Communication

QUESTIONS?

☎ (920) 757-5167, Sharon, Education Chairperson



Exciting changes, several contests will now be held at Education Days in May. More descriptions about the event can be found in the [Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook](#) (Chapter 5, Statewide Events, Education Days).

STATE 4-H HORSE EVENTS

HORSE EDUCATION DAYS
MAY 2 & 3, 2026

STATE HUNT AND DRESSAGE SHOW
JUNE 26, 27, & 28, 2026

STATE GYMKHANA SHOW
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

STATE HORSE EXPO SHOW
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, & 20, 2026

WI STATE 4-H DOG PROJECT AGILITY LEARNING DAY

SPONSORED BY THE WI STATE DOG ASSOCIATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TO ATTEND

SAT., MARCH 7TH

9AM – 2PM

WAUSAU, WI



Join 4-H dog project members from around the state for the WI State 4-H Dog Agility Learning Day coming up in March. The registration deadline is February 18th or when all spots are full, whatever happens first.

More information at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wi-state-4-h-dog-learning.../>

SAVE THE DATES STATE 4-H DOG EVENTS

DOG 4-H QUIZ BOWL

APRIL 25, 2026

STEM INNOVATION BUILDING, UW - GREEN BAY

**STATE 4-H DOG OBEDIENCE,
SHOWMANSHIP, AND RALLY;
SPEAKING, PHOTO, AND POSTER CONTESTS**

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

LANGLADE CO. FAIRGROUNDS, ANTIGO

STATE 4-H DOG AGILITY SHOW

OCTOBER 11, 2026

OVERDALE CANINE SPORTS, SPRING VALLEY



More Information:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../agricultu.../dogs-project/>

Registration Open!

Closes March 9th

**STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK
EVENTS**

**SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 21, 2026**

HELD AT THE UW MADISON CAMPUS



**Register for the WI State
4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
and Skillathon Contest
on March 21st at UW
Madison .**

**Registrations close
March 9th. Information
about the event is avail-
able at:**

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../livestock-quiz-bowl.../>

**WI 4-H AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS**

Save the Date

**GRANT COUNTY
JUNE 19TH**

**CLARK COUNTY
JUNE 30TH**

**Wisconsin Dairy Goat
Association**

Share-a-Kid Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. 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 March 15.

For more information:

[2026 Share a Kid.docxDownload](#)



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/>



WI LAND+WATER

2026 CONSERVATION CAMPS

Our camps combine outdoor adventure, hands-on learning, and leadership development, giving students the opportunity to develop conservation skills and explore environmental careers.



Middle School (Grades 6-8):

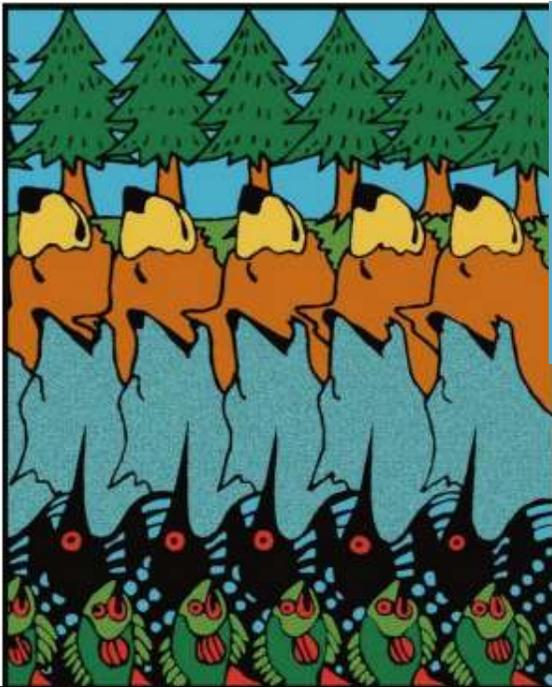
June 28 - July 1 at 

High School (Grades 9-12):

June 15-18 at 



Scan for more details, or visit wisconsinlandwater.org/camps



middle school
grades 7-8 and
high school
grades 9-12.



Non-Point Source Pollution: It begins at home!

Friday, April 10, 2026

Wisconsin Lions Camp

Rosholt, WI

[More Information](#)

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**REGISTER for
this FREE
WEBINAR
at: Webinar
Registration -
Zoom**



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UW-Madison Division of Extension Horticulture Program

Have a gardening Question?

 Lawn and garden questions

 Plant diagnosis

 Soil testing information

 Landscape and gardening information

 Plant identification

 Plant disease testing information

 Insect identification

hort.extension.wisc.edu/ask-a-gardening-question

ARTICLES:



[What's All the Buzz? Woody Plants for Bees, Butterflies, and Other Bee-t-full Pollinators](#)

Learn which floral traits attract different pollinators and explore a long list of woody plant recommendations — including trees, shrubs, evergreens, and vines — that serve as critical pollen and nectar sources throughout the growing season.



[Planning and Designing Your Home Landscape](#)

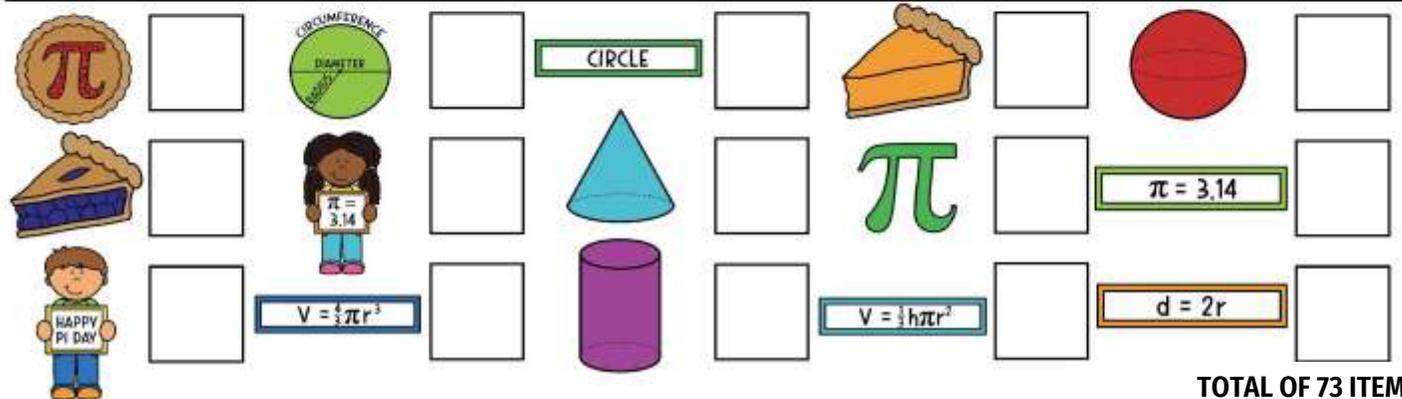
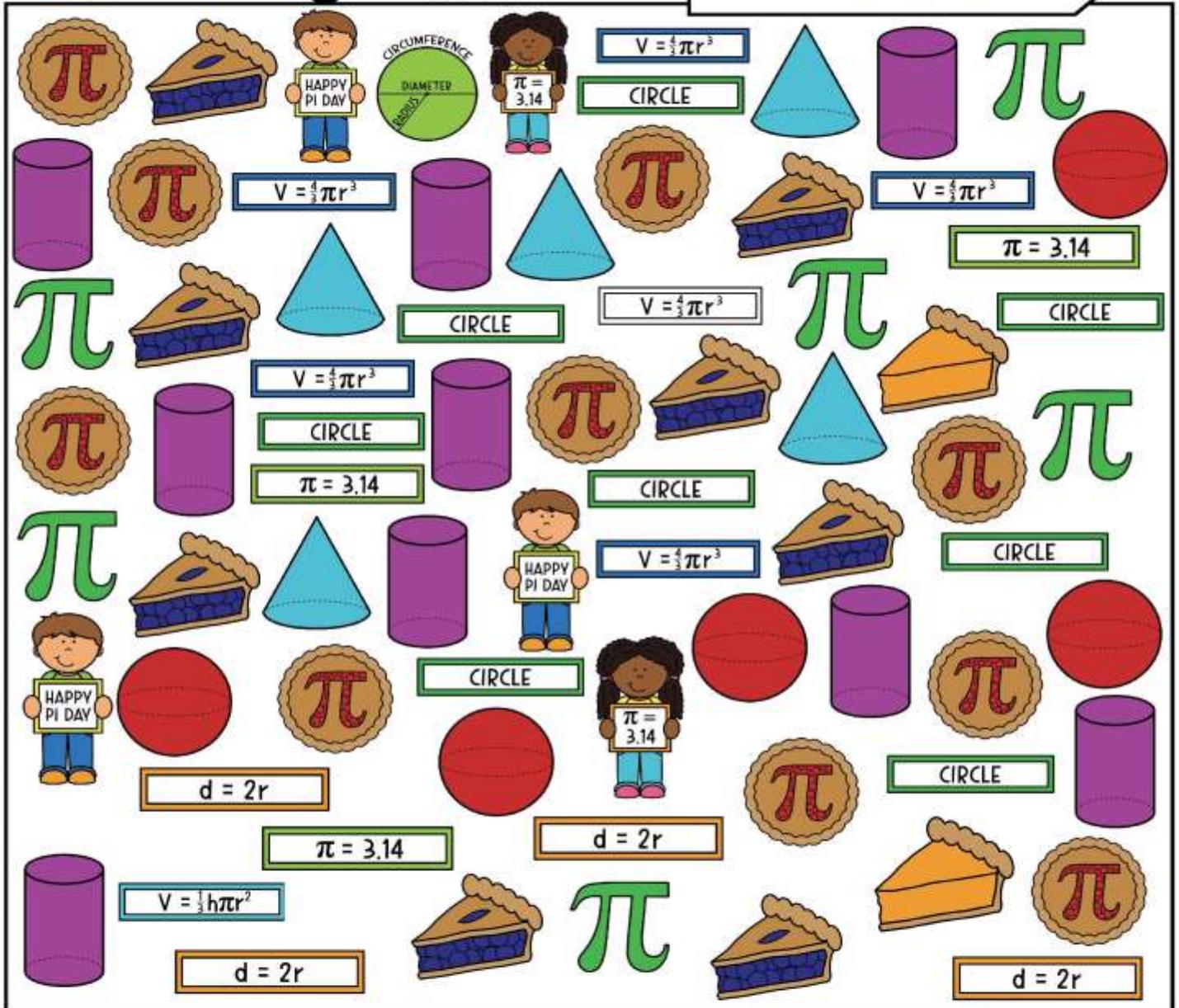
This multi-part article series offers guidance on sketching plans, choosing a landscape style, understanding design principles, selecting plants, incorporating garden structures and more. Whether you're starting from scratch or re-vamping an existing yard, follow these steps to craft a cohesive landscape.



[Planting and Managing Your Own Prairie](#)

Establishing a native plant community is as much an art as it is a science. It involves careful planning, planting, and managing the plot long term. Learn the history of prairies in North America and how to create your own prairie landscape. Plus, find helpful plant descriptions of popular forbs, shrubs, and grasses featured in this extensive publication.

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TOTAL OF 73 ITEMS