

September | October | November 4-H Events & Gatherings

Leaders' Association Board Meetings

Dates: Thursdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12

Time: 7:00 pm meeting, 6:45pm Open Forum

Location: Hamilton Town Hall (N5281 WI-108, West Salem, WI)

Who: Board Members, Volunteers and Youth members ages 14+

At these meetings the board will discuss reports from past events, updates to upcoming events, potential changes to programs and county-wide policies, and seek out other members to join the board in November. Meetings are typically 60-90 minutes and move quickly with subcommittee reports. Board members do not need to be club or group leaders; current and past members are interested parents, grandparents, 4-H alumni, and 4-H youth leaders. Anyone enrolled in 4-H can attend a meeting, if interested in joining the board please reach out to the Extension Office.

Available positions on the board in November: Vice President (3 yr term), Bangor Rep (1 yr left), La Crosse/Onalaska Rep (2 yr term), West Salem Rep (1 yr left), At-Large Rep (2 yr term).

Ambassador Meetings

Dates: Sundays, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: La Crosse County Admin Center (212 6th St N, La Crosse) entry off of 7th street

Who: Youth in grades 7+ interested in participating in and providing leadership opportunities

Ambassadors help us tailor county-wide events to the needs of our current 4-H youth. They are consistently updating programs and providing input to improve things. Annually, their events might change by the membership, but in the past they have hosted a Cloverbud Day Camp, had an overnight educational trip to Madison, WI, and created new awards and events in our county. This is a vibrant focused group of youth who want to implement change in their community. Anyone interested in joining should reach out to the Extension Office to receive the next meeting's agenda!

Pump House Artists Reception

Date: Tue. Sept 15

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Pump House Regional Arts Center (119 King St, La Crosse)

Who: Anyone!

Join us for light refreshments and peruse the art our 4-H members have created! These pieces were chosen by judges at the county fair. This reception is a come-and-go event, no registration necessary, and is a chance for us to celebrate the artists and their families, but anyone is welcome to attend!

The Pump House Exhibit dates: Sept. 9 – Oct 17.

***If your item was selected for the Pump House Exhibit:** Please drop off the item with the purple tag of information to the Extension Office by Friday, September 4 at 4:30pm. Do NOT take items to the Pump House. We set the display up and take all the items with us from the Extension Office. Items are available for pick up from the Extension Office on Wed. Oct 21.

Items not picked up by November 1st are subject to our discretion. We typically hang onto them for a while, but may use them as art in the office, take them home for our own decorations or toss them.

Craft Fair

Date: Sat. Oct. 10

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Onalaska Omni Center (255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska)

Who: Anyone!

Youth are hosting their wares for sale at the Onalaska Omni Center's annual Craft Fair! Our site is usually off from the main event, but accessible from the same entrance. Youth, clubs and families who host a table will learn basic business skills in customer service, cost analysis, marketing, and the ebb and flows of sales. Sign up to host a table is in 4-HOnline, and curriculum created by the Ambassadors is available at registration as well. Please sign up by Sept 30 if you plan to host!

Officer Summit

Date: Sat. Nov 14

Time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: La Crosse Admin Building (212 6th St N, La Crosse)

Who: Youth grades 5+ and adult volunteers

Designed to help clubs and groups improve their teamwork, participants will learn the advantages of their own leadership style, how to be more inclusive in their clubs, how to improve youth-adult partnership in manageable ways, connect with others in their roles, and learn how to access resources available to them! Sign up is in 4-HOnline; youth do NOT have to be currently elected in the position they want to learn more about. This is also a fantastic way for club leadership to become a cohesive team!

National 4-H Week

Dates: Sun. Oct 4 – Sat. Oct. 10

Who: Everyone in 4-H!

You can celebrate the week however you feel inspired. We have some ideas that would be awesome to see!

- Sunday: Share your favorite 4-H memory at the dinner table
- Monday: Wear your 4-H gear to school (and see who else is a 4-H member that you didn't know!)
- Tuesday: Share your 4-H pictures from the past year with the Extension Office
- Wednesday: Sign up for a new project in 4-HOnline
- Thursday: Invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting
- Friday: Send your club/group leaders a thank you for their support and service
- Saturday: Help out at the food stand, or show up at the craft fair and show your support of 4-H!

Rotary Lights Parade

Date: Nov. 26, 2026

Time: Usually 4:30-7:00 pm

Location: La Crosse Riverside Park (100 State St, La Crosse)

Come bedazzled with lights and your Christmas Spirit! We will have our float lit up and ready. We just need the kids to smile, sing, and be merry. (We might need a float tow, too). If anyone wants to assist with tree decoration (which happens mid-November) or float preparation, and if anyone wants to walk either sign up in 4-HOnline or email us at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.

State and National Programs

Registrations for travel opportunities are opening soon in 4-HOnline. Actual month of travel is in parentheses. For more detailed information on these events, please visit the WI 4-H Events and Opportunities Site (where you'll see way more opportunities, too!)

- NOW: Fall Forum (November) | Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers | Stevens Point, WI
- Nov Reg: American Spirit (June) | Grades 8-10 | Northeast USA & Canada
- Nov Reg: Space Camp (April 30-May 2) | Grades 6-8 | Huntsville, Alabama

***Scholarships Available!** The Leaders' Association sponsors up to 75% of the costs of these experiences. Please email the Extension Office to learn about this process and if you have any questions!