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Newsletter for Washington County 4-H

Monthly Cloverline Newsletters are posted on the 4th Monday of each month, and contain vital information for the Washington County 4-H program. Please read the information in its entirety, though some sections may not apply to all 4-H families. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office at 262-335-4477.

October 2025

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Is your family enrolled for the 2025-2026 4-H year?

- ALL 4-H members and adult volunteers **NEED to re-enroll each year.** Current enrollments DO NOT automatically roll-over.
- **Members:** Please **re-enroll by October 1.** Club and project leaders will pull 4-H rosters starting in October. **Note: beginning October 1, we will only include members/families enrolled in 4HOnline for the 2025-2026 4-H year on our regular mailing/emailing lists.**

- Instructions can be found in the [4-H Family Enrollment Guide](#) for both youth and adult re-enrollments. Please USE the [4-H Family Enrollment Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

- **New for 2025:** All 4-H volunteers need to enroll/re-enroll by **November 1, 2025**. *Good news!* – Only *one* training focused on Youth Protection law is required for most returning & new volunteers. (Overnight chaperones and Health Coordinators for events will continue to need additional training for those particular volunteer positions.) Once your training is completed and 'submit' is clicked, your 4-HOnline account will immediately update acknowledging your completed training.
 - When re-enrolling in [4HOnline](#), all adult leaders should **select a club**.
 - If you are a Project Leader for **a specific club**, you will need to select a 'Club Volunteer Type' **AND** a 'Project Volunteer Type'.
 - If you are a countywide leader without club affiliation, please select **"Adult Volunteers – no designated club"** as your club.
 - **Attn: Countywide Project leaders:** when you add projects to your list, please ensure you are selecting the Club from the drop down menu BEFORE selecting the project name.
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Mark your calendars!

4-H Teen, TWEEN, and Family Connect nights are now scheduled for the 2025-2026 year. All sessions will be at the Public Agency Center, and run from 6pm – 8pm.

- **Oct. 18, 2025:** 4-H TWEEN Connect (5th-7th grade)
- **Nov 15, 2025:** 4-H Teen Connect (8th-13th grade)
- **Jan 17, 2026:** 4-H *Family Connect* for all 4-H families
- **Feb 21, 2026:** TWEEN Connect (5th-7th grade)
- **Mar 21, 2026:** Teen Connect (8th-13th grade)

- **April 18, 2026:** Teen Connect (8th-13th grade)

Teen Connect - (8th-13th grade). Teen Connect offers an opportunity within Washington County 4-H to continue peer connection through fun, social activities and build a countywide connectedness while keeping the mission of 4-H in the forefront. Beyond food and fun, there is a chance for this group to have a voice in planning future Teen Connect events.

Tween Connect - (5th-7th grade). TWEEN connect grew out of someone saying, 'hey, why can't we have a Teen Connect for our age group?'. Sometimes club involvement, which is incredible here in Washington County, can feel like the only 4-H thing going on. TWEEN connect will have activities that are focused on fun social interactions with 'Tween-agers' from other clubs. While having fun, the goal is for this age group to increase their connection to other 4-H members throughout Washington County.

4-H Kickball event hosted by Kirchhayn Trotters on October 18

Message from the Kirchhayn Trotters 4-H club

The Kirchhayn Trotters are hosting a 4-H kickball event! All clubs in Washington Co. are invited! We will provide snacks and drinks so you don't need to bring anything. To RSVP, follow the link <https://forms.gle/G7GxTrwSPpumAEWK7> or see [flyer](#). Please RSVP by October 11th. We will be hosting the event the afternoon of October 18 starting at 1:00pm. We expect it to last until 3:30 or 4:00. We will hold the event at the Jackson Town Hall located at 3146 Division Rd, Jackson, WI 53037. We hope your club can make it!

Tri-County 4-H Science Expedition: Mark your calendar for November 5, 2025

Coming soon! Registration opens shortly in 4HOnline for the first annual **Tri-County Science Expedition Field Trip to UW-Madison**. This event gives 4-H youth **grades 6 and up** an unforgettable day of hands-on science exploration featuring workshops, tours, and demonstrations in fields like astronomy, biology, geology, engineering, and sustainability, and is led by the 4-H Educators from Washington, Ozaukee, and Fond du Lac Counties.



Conservation Poster Contest

Washington County Land Conservation will host the 2026 Local Conservation Poster Contest for all K-12th grade students attending school in our County. With a theme of *"Soil. Where it all Begins"*,

schools/clubs are asked to submit their artwork by Friday, January 9, 2026. The top three places in each grade category (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 & 10-12) will be rewarded. First place automatically advances to the Area Contest in late January.

For more information regarding the Local Contest, contact the Natural Resources Department - Land Resources or (262) 335-4445.

FREE 12" x 18" poster board is available upon request

IMPORTANT FORMS: [2026 Poster Contest Guidance Information \(pdf\)](#)

[2026 Poster Contest Guidelines & Registration \(pdf\)](#)

Statewide 4-H Opportunities

Fall Forum 2025

- October 31-November 2, 2025
- Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI
- Registration open in [4HOnline](#) **September 3-26, 2025**

Citizenship Washington Focus

- March 24-29, 2026
- Applications open in 4HOnline **September 4-29, 2025**

Wisconsin 4-H Statewide Service Project

Wisconsin 4-H Clubs – join Wisconsin 4-H to “pledge our hands to larger service” in this year’s Statewide Service Project for National 4-H Week! Clubs are encouraged to participate in a community service project during (or around) National 4-H Week – October 5-11. Let’s make a big impact on our local communities and live the 4-H Pledge! Register your service project at this link:

<https://go.wisc.edu/1337z7>

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October 5-11, 2025

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



2025 National 4-H Week is October 5th- 11th: Beyond Ready

Key participation dates:

- Monday, October 6 – Beyond Ready: Go Green
 - On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni, and supporters across the country are encouraged to wear green—hats, clothing, face paint—anything goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN! Share your "Go Green" moments on social media. **Tag Wisconsin 4-H and Extension Washington County, and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek**
- October 9 – Beyond Ready: 4-H For Good
 - On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help shine a light on all the good 4-H'ers are doing to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond. Celebrate by

sharing your own story or highlighting the efforts of another 4-H'er, volunteer, or educator who is making a difference. Post your "4-H For Good" story on social media.

Tag Wisconsin 4-H and Extension Washington County, and use:

#4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek

Project News

New 4-H Project Guides

1. [Wisconsin 4-H Project Guide](#) that groups projects into seven streamlined categories. The new categories not only give youth ideas for exploring each project area, but also conveniently match up with most county fair exhibit categories. There's even a key in the back that shows how the new project areas line up with the previous ones.
2. Are you looking for an easy guide to show what Project Area houses your specific Washington County 4-H project? Check out the [Project Listings At A Glance](#) guide to assist with that! Know what projects are offered and which 'project area' they now fall under. It will help during enrollment!
3. [Three quick videos](#) that give you a tour of the simple changes to the new 4-H Project Guide.
4. [A Quick Guide](#) for families who could use a simple refresher.

If you'd like any printed copies of these Project Guides, let the Extension office know:

karen.girard@wisc.edu or 262-335-4478

Updates & Reminders

Extension Washington County to Relocate to Moraine Park Technical College Campus in 2026

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension-Washington County will be relocating to the Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) campus in West Bend, with the move expected to be completed by January 2026. [Read more](#)

Computer station available at the Extension office for 4-H registrations

If you do not have access to a computer or internet at home, the Extension office is happy to host you and provide you with computer access to enroll in 4HOnline or register your children for 4-H activities and programs. Just call or email the Extension office, 262-335-4478 or karen.girard@wisc.edu, at least two days in advance so 4-H staff can be ready to help you. In addition, local libraries offer free computer use to cardholders – a great alternative if you cannot make it down to the office!

ATTN: 4-H Leaders & Volunteers

Message from the Leaders Association: new income/expense forms, account codes

The income and expense forms have been modified to reflect changes to the way that checks are written. Download the new **Word** document here: [2025-08-19 Expense Form-Final.docx](#). From now on, checks will be coming directly from the bank in an envelope that says "payment enclosed" across the bottom and "Washington County 4-H Leaders Association" in the top left corner. In addition, we are no longer able to have the 4-H office be used as a drop off point for checks that the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association is writing. Please be sure that you are using the

new form moving forward. Please remember to follow the directions on the form for any deposits and expenses and obtain approval signatures before submitting for any expenses.

In addition, our [WCLA Account Codes](#) have been updated for use. Please be sure that you are using the correct account codes when submitting an income or expense form. If the codes that you are using do not have an "I" or an "E" after the number, you are not using the correct code. If you misplace this document, it will also be available on the 4-H website at:

<https://washington.extension.wisc.edu/welcome-to-4-h/#resources>, click on "Volunteer Resources".

~ Angie Meyer, Treasurer, 4-H Leaders Association

Attn: Club Leaders

Charter Application is due November 1, but may be completed sooner!

- Wisconsin 4-H Club and Group Charter Application [is posted here](#) and must be completed online by November 1.

2025-2026 Washington County 4-H Club Dues

- **Due November 15, 2025**
- Use the number of actively participating youth & adult members as of 8/31/25; contact the Extension Office if you need help determining these numbers for your club
- [2024-2025 Washington County 4-H Club Dues Form](#)

Fair Park reservations announcement from Stacy Holland

*The Technology, Lighting and Upgrade project at the Fair Park is starting on August 25th. As a result, **the Fair Park is unable to reserve space in our facility buildings at this time.** The duration of the space black out is yet unknown; however we are collaborating with the general contractor on phased reopening of the spaces. The final contract was approved and*

awarded in July. Work begins August 25th with a target completion date for the entire project of May 31, 2026.

We strongly encourage you to seek alternate meeting room space for all upcoming dates you have submitted.

As soon as we are able to open Fair Park buildings for reservations, we will contact anyone that has submitted a 2025–2026 4-H year request.

We look forward to having the 4-H activities return to the Fair Park as soon as we are able.

~ Stacy Holland, Chief Executive Officer, Washington County Agricultural and Industrial Society

Public Agency Center reservations

- Please email [Melissa Parask](#) at the Planning & Parks Dept. with the dates and times, or call (262) 335-4445. *Public Agency Center reservations are booked on a first come, first serve basis.*

November Cloverline submission deadline is Friday, October 24, 2025

Please submit your information for the November 2025 Cloverline by **Friday, October 24**. The November Cloverline is scheduled to be published on Monday, October 27 (fourth Monday of the month). Send your information by email to karen.girard@wisc.edu or submit here:

<https://forms.gle/yV71MuX8RREWqysGA>

Next Treasurer's pick up dates for Leaders Assoc income/expense items

Please have your monthly income/expense items for the Leaders Association in to the Extension office **by 8:00am** on the following days:

- OCT 20 2025, Monday

- NOV 20, 2025, Thursday.
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Submitted News

We welcome your submissions for the Cloverline newsletter!! Please upload your articles and photos to [Cloverline Newsletter Submission](#) (preferable) or send to karen.girard@wisc.edu. NOTE: if you are submitting photos of 4-H youth, ***please include their names***; *if the photo includes non-4-H youth, please include a parental media release form for each non-4-H youth in the photo.*

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