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## **CLOVERLINE**

## 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. <u>Please read the information in its entirety, though some sections may not apply to all 4-H families</u>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office.

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## Thank you to all Washington County 4-H Club & Project Leaders!!

On behalf of all the 4-H youth and families, **thank you** for your incredible dedication and hard work in preparing our 4-H members for the Washington County Fair. Your guidance, encouragement, and countless hours of support have made a lasting impact on each young person you've mentored.

The annual County Fair is a celebration of our 4-H members' growth, learning, and achievements—and none of it would be possible without your leadership.

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We are deeply grateful for all you do to make 4-H such a meaningful experience. Thank you for being the heart of this program and for inspiring the next generation.

With sincere appreciation,

~ Washington County 4-H

## **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

## Washington County 4-H Record Book Award Opportunities for 2024-2025

#### Message from the 4-H Leaders Association Achievement & Recognition Committee:

Washington Co. 4-H would like you to have the opportunity to record and reflect on your 4-H achievements. The opportunity everyone has is to apply for and be considered for a Project or Career Award. To do this you are required to complete an official Washington Co. 4-H Record Book in accordance with Washington County Record Book Guidelines. Guidelines and current project sheets can be found on the <a href="Extension website">Extension website</a>. You or your leader will also need to select and complete a <a href="project application form">project application form</a> and/or a <a href="career application form">career application form</a> indicating which projects/career awards you want to be considered for. These Washington Co. 4-H Record Books will also need to be turned into your Club Leader.

CLUB LEADERS: You will be responsible for collecting and submitting your club members' Record Books to the Extension Office by September 2, 2025. Please fill out the <u>Club Record Book list</u> 2024-2025 and turn in with your club's submissions to the Extension Office.

Feel free to contact the Achievement Committee if you have any questions.

• Judy Etta at e etta@msn.com or Mariann Gundrum at <a href="mailto:lmacres@charter.net">lmacres@charter.net</a>

## Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 year begins on <u>Monday,</u> <u>September 8</u>

#### **YOUTH MEMBERS**

- ALL 4-H members and NEED to re-enroll each year in <u>4HOnline</u>. Current enrollments DO
   NOT automatically roll-over.
- Youth members should re-enroll by October 1. Club and project leaders pull 4-H rosters starting in October.
- Instructions can be found in the <u>4-H Family Enrollment Guide</u>. Please USE the <u>4-H Family Enrollment Guide</u> for step-by-step instructions!
- A few reminders to share with you regarding re-enrollment:
  - The <u>family phone number & email address</u> in <u>4HOnline</u> must belong to an adult
  - Current, active 4-H'ers: please DO NOT create a new account; use current account log-in name and password to log-in to your existing <u>4HOnline</u> account. If you can't remember your password, you can request a password reset on the log-in screen.
  - Ensure your family contact information is current/accurate including email, phone, mailing address. If not, please update your <u>4HOnline</u> account. Reminder: the family contact information must belong to an adult.
  - Edit project list as needed. You should be able to update years in each project as needed.
  - Ensure consents are e-signed.
  - Use 'Next' button at the bottom of each page to continue through registration, and
     'Submit' button when registration is complete/accurate.
  - Please note that many announcements sent via 4HOnline are sent to the *family email address*. Be sure to regularly check your family email address for any
     announcements.

#### **ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

All returning Wisconsin 4-H volunteers are required to re-enroll annually between
 September 1 and November 1. All required trainings and background checks must be completed by December 1. 4-H Program Educator Ron Jakubisin will approve all eligible returning 4-H volunteer enrollments by December 15, and will mail a confirmation letter to each approved adult volunteer by December 19th, 2025. IMPORTANT: A submitted

application/enrollment form does not mean that an individual is an approved volunteer.

#### Adults who are not approved 4-H volunteers cannot be in custodial care of youth.

- 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

Running into Problems? Please use the reference guide: <u>4-H Family Enrollment Guide</u> for step-by-step instructions! Additional Resources: <u>4HOnline 2.0 for Families</u>

We are excited to start the new 4-H year and look forward to 4-H members, families, and volunteers coming together as a great 4-H community!!

# Next 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 5 at the WC Fair Park

August 5th will be the "Food, Fun, & 4-H" meeting of the monthly Leaders Board gatherings, and will include a picnic with yard games. All youth and adult club representatives on the Leaders Board are asked to invite one additional youth from their club who may be interested in joining the Leaders Board for the 2025-2026 year. Questions? Contact the Leaders Association Board at <a href="mailto:washingtonco4hleadersboard@gmail.com">washingtonco4hleadersboard@gmail.com</a>

# 4-H Club & Countywide Project Leader Meeting & Ice Cream Social – August 18 at 6 pm!

Join us for an exciting evening as we kick off another fantastic 4-H year together.

Date: Monday, August 18

• Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Washington County Public Agency Center, room 1113 A/B

Please RSVP to help with our planning: Sign Up for August 18 Leader Meeting & Ice Cream Social

What to Expect:

Discover new project offerings

• Get the latest updates on re-enrollment for members and volunteers

Connect and collaborate with fellow 4-H leaders

This is a great opportunity to share ideas, get inspired, and prepare for a successful year ahead. We can't wait to see you there!

#### ATTN 4-H Youth in 12th & 13th Grades

Congratulations on your years in 4-H! You've put in a lot of time and effort, and now you have the option to graduate from 4-H-either at the end of high school (12th grade) or one year after. If you're planning to graduate this year, Washington County 4-H wants to recognize you in our 2025 Graduate Spotlight!

#### Who qualifies as a 4-H graduate?

You're considered a 4-H graduate if:

- You're currently an active member in Washington County 4-H, and
- You've completed 12th grade, and you've chosen not to return for your 13th year, or
- You are one year beyond high school

#### How to participate:

Taking part is completely optional, but we'd love to celebrate you! You can share your info in one of two ways:

#### **✓** Option 1:

Fill out this form online: **Graduation Form** 

### **✓** Option 2:

Print this form (PDF), fill it out, and send it with a photo of yourself to:

Extension Washington County 333 E Washington St, Suite 1200 West Bend, WI 53095

(You can also drop it off in person.)

**Deadline: August 1, 2025** 

Thank you for being part of 4-H-we're proud of you and all you've accomplished!

## **Statewide 4-H Opportunities**

#### Wisconsin 4-H Arts Camp

If you're going into *grades 6, 7 or 8* and love the arts, why not join us for this year's WI 4-H Arts Camp, October 4-5, 2025 at Upham Woods, WI Dells?! You'll have the opportunity to explore different types of art (theater art, visual art, musical art, dance, and photography), while making new friends, developing new skills and enjoying new experiences. WI 4-H Arts Camp is designed for middle school youth to come together and explore the arts. Participants will be offered five different sessions that focus on different forms of art.

This year, 4-H Arts Camp is trying out a new *tiered pricing* structure for Arts Camp. This pricing structure will allow families flexibility to select the level of payment that best fits their needs. Simply choose the registration level that best suits your family. You can choose one of three pricing options that's right for your family.

- \$125
- \$150
- \$175

All payments are confidential and all youth will receive the same great Arts Camp experience regardless of ability to pay. Scholarships are available from WI 4-H for Arts Camp. Additionally, the Washington County Leaders Association will reimburse families for 50% of their costs for WI 4-H Arts Camp. Registration runs through August 29: <a href="https://25wi4hartscamp.4honline.com">https://25wi4hartscamp.4honline.com</a>

#### **Wisconsin Key Award**

- Application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, August 1
- Interviews are Tuesday, August 12
- Questions? Contact the Achievement Committee
  - Judy <u>E\_Etta@msn.com</u>
  - o Mariann <u>lmacres@charter.net</u>

#### 2025 Open House: Thursday, September 11

Our annual 4-H Open House is **Thursday, September 11th from 5:30-7:30 pm** at Washington County Fair Park, in the Small Animal Barn. Please feel free to advertise the Open House wherever you can in your community. Promotional flyers can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The Extension Office can also print copies for you to hang around town.

We would love to have **every countywide project and club** represented at our Open House!! To reserve a table for your club/project, please register <u>Club and Project Leaders: Open House RSVP</u> by September 4.

## Message from the 4-H Food Stand Committee

Coming soon: Sign-up genius for:

Oct 12 - Train Show

## **Project News**

## A fresh crop of easy-to-use 4-H Project Guides

Picking projects is the exciting first step 4-H youth take in their annual 4-H membership journey. And it just got easier! We're excited to share three brand-new resources to help 4-H members find their sparks – the interests that bring them joy, energy and purpose.

The resources are:

- 1. A fresh 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. And a new Sparks Roadmap that helps youth find projects that align with their interests!
- 2. <u>Three quick videos</u> that give you a tour of the simple changes to the new 4-H Project Guide. That way you can easily explore your sparks and the many exciting projects that help you develop them!
- 3. A Quick Guide for families who not to brag already know their way around a 4-H Project Guide.

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 take place in January 2026. <u>Read more</u>

#### **Keep informed!!**

Remember to check the <u>Washington County 4-H Website</u> as well as the <u>Washington County</u>
 4-H Calendar for updated information, and the <u>Extension Washington County Facebook</u> and the <u>Washington County WI 4-H private Facebook page</u> for info and photos.

# 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 <a href="mailto:karen.girard@wisc.edu">karen.girard@wisc.edu</a>, 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**

#### Attn: Club Leaders

Annual Financial Report is due Sept 1, but may be turned in sooner!

4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete and submit the following documents to 4-H Educator Ron Jakubisin anytime between July 1 - September 1, 2025:

- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups <u>Annual Financial Report</u>
- Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups <u>Audit Checklist</u>
- A copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1 June 30
- A copy of the bank statement ending June 30 or July 1 for each account. Any differences between the bank statement(s) and the ending balance reported must be reconciled and the reconciliation must be uploaded with the Annual Financial Report.
- A current inventory of land, buildings, property, or project equipment with individual values of \$2,000 or greater.
- Monthly Treasurer's Reports for 4-H Clubs or Groups with annual income greater or equal to \$20,000.

Failure to submit a completed Annual Financial Report and support documents by the due date could result in loss of tax exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets and non-renewal of the 4-H Club or Group Charter.

### September Cloverline submission deadline is Friday, August 22, 2025

Please submit your information for the September 2025 Cloverline by Friday, August 22. The June Cloverline is scheduled to be published on Monday, August 25 (fourth Monday of the month). Send your information by email to karen.girard@wisc.edu or submit here:

https://forms.gle/yV71MuX8RREWgysGA

# Is your club/project hosting any of the Saturday West Bend Farmers Markets?

We'd love to add this to our 4-H Calendar! Let us know the dates you are hosting, as well as any information you'd like us to include, such as whether you'll be offering a brat fry, crafts for children, etc.

We can print out any promotional flyers or brochures you'd like to hand out. Let Karen know what you'd like printed at least a week in advance <a href="mailto:karen.girard@wisc.edu">karen.girard@wisc.edu</a> or 262-335-4478.

# 2025 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 these days:

- 20 AUG 2025, Wednesday
- 22 SEP 2025, Monday
- 20 OCT 2025, Monday
- 20 NOV 2025, Thursday

#### **4-H Building Reservations**

- FAIR PARK: Submit a 4-H Fair Park reservation form to request a reservation. Locations are booked on a first come, first served basis. Questions? Call Washington County Fair Park at 262-677-5060. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Fair Park to let them know!!! \*\*\*Be sure to lock up the building when you leave!!\*\*\*
- **PUBLIC AGENCY CENTER (PAC)**: Please email <u>Melissa</u> at the Planning & Parks office with the dates and times, or call (262) 335-4445. *Building reservations are booked on a first come, first serve basis.*

#### **Extension Office: Office Reminders**

As you are aware, we had some recent changes at the Extension office. With staff departures, office hours will be condensed at times. A reminder to please call in advance to arrange an appointment before stopping in the office. This helps current staff know ahead of time to ensure your visit is as efficient as possible. It also allows staff to gather materials or ensure materials/supplies/staff are available for you.

## Three drop boxes are available for your use:

- An <u>inside Extension drop box</u> next to the Extension office door. This secure drop box can accept up to 10"x12" envelope items. Items are retrieved every business day.
- An exterior Extension drop box, on the wall of the Public Agency Center to the right of the glass doors at the south (Indiana Street) entrance of the building. Items are retrieved every business day.
- <u>Building drop box</u> located at the south entrance of the building. This free-standing drop box
  is for the *entire Public Agency Center*; if leaving items in the free-standing dropbox, clearly
  indicate on the envelope that it is for Extension Washington County. Items left in this drop
  box are retrieved by the County Clerk's office on *Mondays* and *Thursdays* only.

#### 4-H website & calendar

Remember to check <u>Washington County 4-H Updates</u> as well as the <u>Washington County 4-H</u>

<u>Calendar</u> for updated information. *Attention Club and Project Leaders*: if you'd like any of your meetings or events listed on the Washington County 4-H Calendar, please send these to Karen at <u>karen.qirard@wisc.edu</u>

## **Submitted News**

We welcome your submissions for the Cloverline newsletter!! Please upload your articles and photos to <u>Cloverline Newsletter Submission</u> (preferable) or send to <u>karen.girard@wisc.edu</u>. 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.

## **Hi-Lite Happy Workers 4-H Club**

The Hi Lite Happy Workers met on Wed., July 9. Our June pie auction was a huge success. Thank you to Megan Mosgaller for performing auctioneer duties. Our club activity was a game that encouraged members to get to know each other. Cloverbuds gave brief reports on the recent Cloverbud activities at the club and county levels. Members were encouraged to help with the fair. There are many opportunities to volunteer. The annual club picnic was discussed. Members voted to have burgers, brats and hot dogs. A location is being researched. A location and date will be communicated Next month members should be prepared for officer nominations.

Submitted by Teague Ast, Club Reporter

### St Lawrence Eager Beavers 4-H Club

The St. Lawrence Eager Beavers celebrated dairy month in June. Club members repainted the wooden cow re-named it "Harry Cow-tter." The cow was displayed and judged at the annual Breakfast at the Farm event on June 14th, where it was awarded 3rd place in the cow decorating competition.

On July 6th two club families volunteered their time at the Allenton Car Show by making hamburgers and filling orders over the lunch period.

Club members met at a local highway near St. Lawrence on July 12th to clean up litter and trash as a community service project.



Submitted by Violet Ramsey, Club Reporter

## Kirchhayn Trotters

At the Kirchhayn Trotters July meeting, we talked about the Washington County Fair, and we also had our project fair, there were lots of different projects like animals, art, food, and more! There were lots of cool projects and everyone had a great time!



Submitted by Vivienne R, Club Reporter

#### **Good Luck 4-H Club**

In June, our community service committee put together an event before our monthly meeting to make blankets for NAMI. We ate pizza while we worked, and it was a fun project to do while supporting a good cause! One member did a demonstration on a robot he made during a robotics meeting. The members that went to 4H Camp shared about their time there and favorite memories.

Before our July meeting, several members met early again to work on our cow for the fair. We had a great time helping to paint and decorate! During the meeting, we shared about what we're submitting in the fair. A few members will have submissions in the State Fair that they got awards

on last year. One member shared about a trip she took through 4H to Washington DC, and it was very interesting to hear about her experience. Our next meeting will be our club picnic on August 9th.

Submitted by Lauren Ryan, Club Reporter

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