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Jefferson County 4-H Poster & Speech Contest

Theme: Careers on the Grow!

Speech Contest: Thursday, May 19

Registration Required by May 12.

Poster Contest: All posters are due to the
Extension Office by Thursday, May 12 at 4 p.m.

*NEW for 2022! Leaders and Clubs may
participate in the Poster Contest! Leaders show
us what you got!*

For more information, visit the
Jefferson County 4-H Website.



May 2022 4-H CALENDAR

For a complete list of dates and events please visit the online 4-H Calendar. ([Click here for calendar](#))

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
1	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
2	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
5	7 pm	Horse & Pony Committee Meeting	Extension Office
7	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Jefferson Public Library
8	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
9	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
10	5:30 pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
	6 pm	Clothing Project Meeting	Extension Office
12		4-H Poster Contest Posters Due to Extension Office	
		4-H Speech Contest Registration Due Online	
14		Dairy Project Learning Day	Fair Park
	1:00pm	Rocketry Project—Launch Party!	TBD
15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
16	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	MAP Virtual Carcass Education Meeting	Zoom
17	7 pm	JCHP Countywide Meeting	Fair Park
19		4-H Speech & Poster Contest	Extension Office
	6:30 pm	Rabbit Project Meeting	Fair Park
	7 pm	Leaders Association Meeting	Extension Office
20	6 pm	JCHP May Show Planning Meeting	Extension Office
21	1 pm	Rocketry Project—Launch Party!	TBD
22	2 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Watertown Conservation Club
23	5:30 pm	JCHP Drill Team Practice	Fair Park
	6 pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
	6 pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
	6 pm	Dog Project (New Youth and Dogs)	Fair Park
	6 pm	Meats Judging Team Practice	Extension Office
	7 pm	Dog Project (Returning youth & Dogs)	Fair Park
	7 pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension Office
24	6 pm	Cloverbud Project Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Jr. Leaders Meeting	Extension Office
26	6 pm	Plants & Soils Project Meeting	Extension Office
	7 pm	Goat Project Meeting	Extension Office
27		MAP Point Cards Due to Extension Office	
28	1 pm	Rocketry Project	Jefferson Public Library
29		Educational 4-H Horse Clinic & Fun Day	Fair Park
30		JCHP Open Pleasure & Speed Show	Fair Park
		Extension Office Closed	

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Information for specific projects is listed in this section. If you need help with a project not listed please call the EXT Office at 920-674-7295. Projects are listed in alphabetical order. If you want to lead a countywide project please contact the Extension Office for more information.

[\(Click here for online 4-H calendar\)](#)

Cat Project

The next Cat Project meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center. Please bring your cat with you to this meeting. **Please RSVP to eshoop@gmail.com** if you plan on attending by Monday, May 13 at Noon.

Please email Emilie at eshoop@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Clothing Project

The Clothing Project Meeting will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 6pm at the Extension Office. If you have a sewing machine please bring it along—if you do not have a sewing machine one will be provided. The basket on the right will be the project members will be sewing.



Please reach out to Kimberly Kreger, clothing project leader, with any questions at (920) 723-1191.

Cloverbud Project

The next Cloverbud meetings is:

- **Wildlife** - Tuesday, May 24, 2022– 6-6:45 pm

Each meeting will include a few projects to take home and extend learning. [Please pre-register here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE! Cloverbud Day Camp: Get ready for a great time this year at Cloverbud Day Camp on Friday, July 22nd from 10 am – 2 pm at Riverfront Park in Jefferson. 4-H Cloverbuds in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to participate in the day camp. Campers will meet new friends, play games and make take-home projects all related to the theme, “Around the World.” The Junior Leaders are busy planning an action-packed day for the Cloverbuds. The educational program registration fee is **\$15.00** which includes a t-shirt, snack and activities. Youth **MUST** bring their own lunch. You may register until July 1st (**youth will not receive a t-shirt who register late**). [Register Here!](#)

Questions: Please contact project leader Carrie Walsh at 262-352-4403.

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting is on May 23 at 7pm at the Extension Office.

Dairy Project Learning Day: The Dairy Project Learning Day is on May 14 at 9:00am-3:30pm at the Fair Park. We strongly encourage you to attend this event. It will fulfill your one mandatory educational point for your point card. Sign up is required by May 2nd. [Sign up here!](#)

Point Card: There is one mandatory point required. That

point must come from attending either an educational program prior to a Dairy Committee meeting or the Project Learning Day which will be held in May.

Jefferson County Dairy Youth Scholarship: The Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee is offering 2 scholarships to Dairy Youth in 4-H/FFA in the amount of \$500.00 each to be used for further education in a technical or college degree (any major).

Scholarships are open to all dairy youth in Jefferson County who have been in the project for at least 2 years. Each recipient will receive their check after their first semester transcript has been presented to the Dairy Committee that achieved a minimum of 2.0 GPA. The winners will be announced at the 2022 Jefferson County Fair.

Applications are due on June 3, 2022 to the Extension Office, 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549. Applications may be emailed to kimb@jeffersoncountyywi.gov, mailed or dropped off at the office.

For questions, please call 920-253-9398.

[Link to Application](#)

Mandatory Dairy Meeting: Mark your Calendars! The Mandatory Dairy Meeting for Dairy will be on Tuesday, June 28th at the Fair Park starting at 7 pm.

If you have any questions about the Dairy Project, please contact Bill Uecker at (920)285-9125.

Dog Project

The Dog Project is off and running for the 2021-22 4-H Year! The project meets on Monday evenings at the Fair Park. Project members learn the basic skills for dog care and training, discover different dog breeds and study and identify dog anatomy.

Any questions regarding the Dog Project, please contact Kate Anderson at (920) 728-3614 or 2mtmanderson@gmail.com

Foods Project

Learn how to eat and cook simple foods. Learn the basics of cooking as well as techniques to make you a better cook. Understand how to change recipes and find reduced fat content recipes.

If you have any questions regarding the food project, reach out to Monica Gerner (920) 723-2663 or Robyn Ksiciński (920) 988-8916.

Goat Project

The goat project will hold their next educational meetings on May 26th at the UW Extension office in Jefferson at 7 pm. The topic for the meeting is currently TBD. All project

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members are encouraged to attend, as there will be lots of project information given at these meetings. Watch the Facebook group page for more information.

If you have questions about the goat project, contact Stephanie Schadt at (920) 285-8079 or schadt.stephanie@gmail.com

Horse & Pony Project

Watch your emails and the JCHP Facebook page for details about the 2021-2022 4-H year. The next Horse & Pony Committee meeting will be on Thursday, May 5 at 7 pm at the Extension Office.

The next Countywide Project meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm at the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fair Park.

Monday Night Lessons

We're excited to announce the real start of Monday Night Lessons!

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- Please sign up each week to attend! Please include the names of all members/grown-ups/leaders/siblings attending-- and horses! [The link to the sign-up document is here!](#)
- IMPORTANT - If you are not a JCHP member, or a 4H leader, you are considered a "non-JCHP spectator" (eg moms/dads/grandparents/non-4H siblings or friends) and must sign this waiver required by our insurance. You can print it at home and bring it to MNL, or grab a copy at the check-in desk. [Waiver Form](#)

PLEASE BRING:

- \$3 per rider
- Coggins (a copy for us to keep--only need to bring once)
- Helmet, long pants, boots with cut out heel
- A healthy horse (come anyway even if you don't have a horse to bring!)
- Please DO NOT BRING your horse to Fair Park if you have ANY concerns about your horse's wellness. Specifically, do not bring your horse if he/she has a fever, or a thick discharge from either/both nostrils, or has any other medical concerns not yet seen by a vet. If in doubt, don't bring your horse! There will always be activities and educational opportunities at each MNL for those who CAN bring their horses and those who CANNOT.
- If you bring a horse who appears to be sick we will ask you to leave in order to protect all the other horses.

Arrival and Check-in at Fair Park: 6pm-6:30pm

Leave your horse in the trailer and check-in by the Announcer's Stand (or just inside the indoor arena if the weather is bad). EVERYONE needs to check-in, and you will need to pay your \$3 and show your Coggins and helmet if you will be riding. Non-JCHP Spectators need a signed waiver (see above). Once you have checked in, you can unload your horse and as soon as you are ready, you may begin to lunge/warm-up/ride in the arenas (remember - you cannot be mounted unless you are in an arena or just about to enter).

Lesson time: 6:30-8pm with possible extended open ride depending on weather and participants.

In the event we need to cancel MNL we will email the JCHP group

Horseless Horse

More events are being planned. If you have not been matched with a buddy yet, please email us!

JCHP May Show & Fun Day

Our annual May show is approaching fast and we want you to have all the important details first hand! The most notable change this year is that we have combined learning and fun into a 2 day event! On Sunday, May 29, we will be holding a trail clinic with Judge Karla Kegley starting at 9am. At noon, we open to youth and open exhibitors to try their hand in judged classes for trail, in hand trail, pleasure and obstacle driving and western riding. There will be time to train and prepare for Monday's show after those first 13 classes. Then starting at 5pm, we will be hosting a JCHP social potluck. If pulling up a chair, line dancing and hanging out with your JCHP friends sounds like fun, you better put this on your calendars and get there! *(Please note you do NOT have to be showing either day to join us for the social but you do need to RSVP via signup so we know to count you for food!)*

Monday, May 30 will kick off our Pleasure show at 8am with Judge Rick Fanella. **We have awesome door prizes, ribbons and HIGH POINT BUCKLES!! for this year!** At 10am, our speed show will kick off the day with some fast competition over in the outdoor arenas. We are working with the youth committee to get those prizes nailed down, too! This is our biggest fundraiser next to Tack sale. It requires lots of behind the scenes prep work ahead of time which is well under way. One of the ways you can help is by letting us know if you or an adult can help the day of the show! We can ***always*** use extra bodies to scoop poop, man a gate or hand out ribbons when our past, current and future Ambassadors are busy in the ring. Do you have a radio voice? Come announce for us! We have TWO rings worth of shows going on. Many hands make light work!

Sponsorships: Included is a sponsorship letter and form. We need these to help run our show and provide the awesome buckles, ribbons and prizes our youth decided they wanted to offer this year. Share this with friends, family, trainers, businesses, etc. ***If you are Grade 6 & above, this DOES count towards your fundraising qualification to be able to show at State level.***

Camping is available for members and public who want to stay for both days. Camping spots MUST be reserved through Angela Mitchell for this show.

To RSVP FOR coming to Potluck at 5pm on May 29th, use this link and add your family name and how many will be attending: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZW2Kxql5azDWUxfL_bVqknUyxV4Rg21I0Sp5hUeW8ls/edit?usp=sharing

To VOLUNTEER for May 29 or 30TH Show help: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mdsAFenFpUPIKitM6Bs-WiuE7ecEaFeeGeSO-qHenB4/edit?usp=sharing>

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Forms will be available on the website for downloading and printing ahead of the show for our members and public. You can view that here: www.jchp-wi.org/

For questions on show bill, sponsorship, stalls or camping, contact Angela Mitchell 262-672-5786 call or text. Email: jchpwi@gmail.com

Horse and Pony Scholarship - Due July 22

The Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project is offering funding for the Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Scholarship to outstanding Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Members. We are pleased to provide this scholarship in order to show our appreciation for your accomplishments as a result of your 4-H experiences and to support your future educational goals. For application and information, go to: <https://seam.ly/0wL5B1Vo>

Remember, if you have any questions or suggestions, please drop us an email at: JCHPChair@gmail.com.

Lego Project

The next Lego Project meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Leader Needed: If you are interested in becoming a LEGO leader next Fall, please reach out to Emilie at eshoop@gmail.com.

Meat Animal Project

Recently, the formerly known Meat Animal Project Committee elected to change their committee name to the Jefferson County 4-H Livestock Committee. This change will take effect for the 2022-2023 4-H year.

This committee will focus on education for meat livestock projects within our 4-H program. It is the hope of the committee to incorporate livestock judging, meats judging, beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine into the livestock committee with individual specie project subcommittees. The Livestock Committee will design, plan and coordinate livestock educational opportunities throughout the 4-H calendar year.

Some ideas currently being discussed are: UW meats lab tour, project learning day, foster farm opportunity and more! There are many opportunities for education. The sky is the limit!

If you are interested in joining the committee, we welcome new members! Contact the Extension Office if interested. **The next meeting will be on June 14, 2022 at 7 pm at the Extension Office.**

Auction at 2022 County Fair:

The 2022 Meat Animal Auction will be run by the Fair Park. If you have questions or concerns about the auction, please reach out directly to the Fair Park staff or Brian Bolan (bbolan@jeffersoncountyywi.gov, 608-576-7312).

Carcass Meeting

It has been brought to our attention that there are still youth that are needing to obtain a carcass point. Therefore, the

committee has scheduled a final carcass opportunity for Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. This is a VIRTUAL Opportunity! A link will be emailed to all families on Monday, May 16 with the Clover Connection. Youth must attend the session and must have their cameras turned on to receive credit.

Meat Animal 4-H Project Requirement:

All 4-H'ers who participate in the beef, sheep or swine projects will need to complete a point card in order to meet requirements to be a member of good standing. Youth will not be permitted to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair without meeting these requirements. The point card requirements are that all 4-H'ers (except 13th graders) must complete four points in a 4-H year. They are:

- YQCA
- Carcass Educational Meeting
- Record Book (This requirement will be effective for the 2022-23 4-H year.)
- 1 additional educational point

(Note: For this year, youth need 3 points because the record book is not required for the point card due on May 27, 2022.)

You can find the Point Card [here](#) on the website. You can also pick up a printed, hard copy at the EXT Office. More details and a calendar of events can be found in the MAP Handbook which is found [here](#) on the Extension website.

Point Cards—due May 27, 2022 by 4 pm to the EXT Office.

Animal Sciences Virtual Education Series

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP) is offering monthly [LIVE Virtual](#) Zoom educational programs this Spring. These are for youth and adults and occur on the second Thursday of the month through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. with a presentation followed by the question-and-answer time.

For registration and details about each presentation, go to: <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h>. On this webpage, you can also find an educational verification form. Complete the form and turn it into the Extension Office with your point card. These activities can serve as “county educational requirements”.

Sessions being Offered:

- May 12 – Grand Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Please have the [Educational Verification Form](#) printed before the session begins. You can write down thoughts throughout the session. For more information and to register, visit <https://go.wisc.edu/tng61h> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Animal & Dairy Science Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.

Natural Sciences Project

Projects include Beekeeping, Birds, Insects, Fishing, Forestry, Wildflowers, Hunting & Wildlife, Adventures and Environmental

Saturday, May 7, 11am Birding, 1pm Ecosystems/ Scavenger Hunt Activities held at Dorothy Carnes County Park, West Unit **RSVP by May 5th, for these Natural**

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Science Activities

It was hard to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day in April's roll-a-coaster weather. Spring is now appearing and Nature is popping. So let's do our celebrating and acknowledge Earth Day and Arbor Day with some Natural Science activities.

Dorothy Carnes Park offers a great opportunity to explore and gain information for Natural Science projects. You can have an adventure, watch for wildlife, ID prairie flowers or see how plants and animals live together. Bring a picnic lunch and come enjoy the birding activities and the ecosystems scavenger hunt on May 7th.

Birding Activities are planned for **Saturday, May 7. Meet at 11 am for an hour of bird watching, listening and ID.** This is open to all 4-H members. Come and enjoy!

Or you can visit Dorothy Carnes Park anytime during the day to **Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day** with the Friends of Rose Lake. They will be holding a **Dawn to Dusk Birding Sit-In**. Everyone is welcome to take part any time during the day for as long as you would like. Take a snack or drink if you choose. It will be held **on the deck on the park's west side**. In the past years 60 to 70 species of birds have been heard or seen at the Birding Sit-In. This event is a great opportunity to observe a wide variety of birds with help of other birders. **Spring migration** will be in full swing as birds come back to Wisconsin or passing through going on north.

Explore Ecosystems at 1pm, while at the Park. **Do a scavenger hunt** as you hike one of the trails watching for the spring **flowers** or looking for **animals** in **tree** tops or in the **undergrowth**. **Bring** a pair of **binoculars**, your **camera**, **note pad and pencil** to list what you see and capture with pictures. Record details for the Natural Science project you enjoy and choose to tell others about.

Rose Lake is the lake within the park. It provides water, giving support to the migrating birds and homes to others. Amphibians and other wildlife call it home too. The lake is surrounded by plant and animal ecosystems making it a special Jefferson County park. The Scavenger Hunt information will also be available from members of Rose Lake Friends.

Tuesday, May 17th. 5:30pm, Spring Scavenger Hunt and Chimney Swifts Spring Count, Dorothy Carnes Park, west side shelter and Fort Atkinson locations.

Do a short Spring Scavenger Hunt at 5:30pm. At 6pm, Learn about Chimney Swifts in Wisconsin at the Friends of Rose Lake meeting. Then join the Friends for the Chimney Swifts Spring Count. Find information about Chimney Swifts at **www.wiswifts.org** Watch for an update in the Weekly Clover Connection.

Please RSVP for this special opportunity by Monday May 16th.

Directions to Dorothy Carnes County Park, West Unit from the Hwy 26 Bypass take Hwy 12 West from Fort Atkinson to Radloff Road. Follow signs to Dorothy Carnes County Park. There is a sign for the park on Hwy 12.

Other available activities:

May : Horicon Marsh Bird Festival. Marsh-wide event. See full schedule of events at www.horiconmarsh.org for more details and for various other programs.

June : Wisconsin Free Fishing Days. Watch for scheduled activities for Jefferson County or your community for June. Also check out [Free Fun Weekend](#) for other activities.

Natural Science related opportunities start at home. They may be inside relating to the materials you use and how you manage them. Or out side your door, down the street or road, in the fields or parks. We have a wonderful world. Let's enjoy and take care of it.

Text or email any questions or if you would like more info for creating a fair exhibit. Your Fair entries will be entered online. Face to Face Judging of your exhibit is in July.

If you have Natural Science project **questions** or are looking for **info** about creating a fair exhibit, **text or email** Sharon at 920-650-7110 or rwes@idcnet.com.

Photography Project

Project members will learn proper use of cameras, lighting techniques, and how to shoot photos that tell a story. You will also have the chance to take life photos and portraits.

Plants & Soils Project

Projects include Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, House plants and Plant Crafts.

Thursday, May 26, 6pm at Extension Office. Planting and Exhibiting Vegetables and Flowers --RSVP by May 22

In the plant meetings you have discussed the plants you like and learned what they need to be healthy. You learn about garden seeds that do best with the Wisconsin growing season. You made a list of vegetables to grow and planned to purchase the seeds. Now it's time to plant those seeds in the garden and the seedlings you have been growing or purchasing.

For early harvesting or if you plan to exhibit vegetables or flowers at the Fair, you will need to count the days until Fair and plan to give them growing time. **You also need to consider the weather and soil conditions.** Will it **frost** and is the **soil warm** enough for seeds to start growing. **Review the A1653 Planting Guide or download A1989 The Vegetable Garden** by Harrison.

Help tender plants acclimate to the weather. Use **"hot caps"** or **covers** for them. You can **make covers** from large soda bottles or milk jugs. Cut the bottom off the bottle or jug and remove the lid. You can **place these over the plants** to protect them from frost or wind. **Remove them** on very warm/hot days. **Replace** at night. So the plants don't get cooked from the heat of the day but stay warm at night. **Use a "row cover"** for new plants growing from seeds you planted. Check out row covers and how and when to use them. They may help you have a successful garden.

Plant healthy plants. Use **clean tools** and **limit fertilizer** to seedlings until several true leaves have developed. New plants

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are tender and need **careful handling**. **Watch their growth** for damping off. **Damping-Off** is a common disease of seedlings where stems are affected by fungi causing stems to rot and not able to support the seedling. They are fungus or mold that thrive in **cool, wet conditions**. Don't over water and have **good drainage**. Also keep the seedlings at a **warm temperature**. Before planting seeds **outdoors**, **wait** until garden soil has reached the **best temperature** for germination. That temperature **varies** depending on the plant. Mature plants can also be affected with crown rot. The [University of Wisconsin Garden Facts XHT1124 \(Damping-Off\)](#), is a **good resource**.

When we purchase plants, we need to **know** what the plant is supposed to look like. Look them over and **be choosy**. **Inspect the plant** carefully for signs of bugs, slugs or disease. Look on both sides of the leaves. Also **examine the roots**. Buy healthy plants.

Remember the importance of **plant rotation** of our garden vegetables. **Use your garden plan/map**. The [University of Wisconsin Garden Facts XHT1210 Using Crop Rotation in the Home Vegetable Garden](#) has helpful information.

Review [A3382 Containers](#), and [A3383 Mulches for Home Gardens and Plantings](#).

If you are considering exhibiting, plan ahead. The Fair Book is online at www.jcfairpark.com **Look at and print** a copy of **Dept 14 & 15 rules and entries**. Mark the entries you will do. **The deadline is June 1st for completing your entries on line**. Print a copy of your entries so you can check them to be correct and can refer to them when taking them in for **judging in July**.

There are **changes** for exhibiting this year. Updates are being made and a informational meeting is schedule. Watch the Weekly Clover Connection for that information and check the [April 2022 InFAIRmation Update 4.22.2022](#) from the Jefferson County Fair

Keep [A2935 Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants](#) and [A3306 Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables](#) **handy to use for information for good growing practices and exhibiting fair entries**. Make a card for each entry, listing the details for that entry and use the card as you prepare your exhibit. Take it to the Fair with you for a reference as you talk to the judge. **Note rule #5 under Dept 15 asks for a note card identifying plants and flowers being exhibited.**

Please RSVP by May 22 , text or email questions or for more information. Sharon Schweitzer, 920-650-7110 or email rwes@idcnet.com

Poultry Project

Youth can enroll in poultry, poultry market and poultry non-animal.

-Poultry is for youth exploring non-market birds such as ducks, bantams, geese, or turkeys.

-Poultry Market is for youth exploring market birds such as chickens, ducks, geese, or turkeys.

-Poultry Non-Animal is designed to learn about poultry science

or egg production without owning the animal.

Rabbit Project

The next Rabbit Project meeting is on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Activity Center. Project members will learn about diseases and different breeds of rabbits. Other meetings currently set are: May 19 and June 16. The April meeting will be announced at a later date. For questions, contact Project Leader, Sue Wilpolt at 608-669-3406.

Rocketry Project

The Rocketry Project is on the move again! We will be re-locating from the Fort Library to the Jefferson Library over the Easter season. Please look to the weekly newsletter for final location or check out our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Jefferson4HRocketry>

It is a public site. No need to join Facebook to follow us!

Questions: Contact Project Leader Rob Thomas at (608)772-0102 or klavdivs@klavdivs.com.

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to all the Archers that completed the County Competition. It was a great and successful season.

Outdoor Shooting Sports:

- **Sunday Meetings:** Held April 3-June 20 at the Watertown Conservation Club at N8898 County Road E in Watertown from 2-4 pm. Project members for shotgun and 22lr rifle must be at least 12 years old and have obtained their hunter safety certificate. Air rifle and shotgun will start at 2 pm followed by air pistol and 22lr rifle.
- **Monday Meetings:** Held April 4-June 19 from 6 pm until dark at the Oconomowoc Sportsmans Club, N5799 Mill Road in Sullivan. Project members for shotgun and 22lr rifle must be at least 12 years old and have obtained their hunter safety certificate.

Remember to dress for the weather as it is outside and bring shooting mats and safety glasses.

Shooting Sports Leaders Needed! We are looking for more instructors to help the shooting sports project grow and continue on. We have a lot of youth interested in shooting sports but not a lot of adults interested in teaching. We need to close that gap. See upcoming training dates below. If interested, please contact me at the email below. I would be happy to discuss requirements of certification with you.

Questions: Please contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingssports@gmail.com

LEADER NEWS

Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thurs., June 16 at 7 pm.

Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. We highly encourage at least ONE Certified Leader from each club to attend these meetings. All leaders (certified

volunteers) are highly encouraged and welcome to attend! Parents and youth are also welcome!

Leaders Board Candidate Statements

Melissa Gerner Lake Ripley 4-H Club

Leadership Experiences:

- Lake Ripley 4-H Cloverbud Leader (2021-current)
- National Crop Insurance Services - Education Committee (2014 - current)
- WI Farm Technology Days (Jefferson County) Exec. Secretary & Hospitality Liaison (2016-2019)
- WI Farm Bureau Leadership Institute (2010)
- UW Platteville Sigma Alpha President (2003-2005)
- Ideal Clover/Jefferson County 4-H - misc positions over the years (1990-2003)

Now that my own children are getting involved in 4-H, I see the excitement they have and it has reignited my desire to do more with the organization and help ensure opportunities are available for them (and all youth in our county) to learn and grow. Over the years, I've served 4-H in many ways (4-H summer intern in Jefferson County; Grant Co. 4-H Intern - 2 yrs; Large & Small Animal Sale ShoWorks Coordinator in Racine, Kenosha & Walworth Counties - mult. years; etc). Being part of the Leader's Board would be a great opportunity to share my experience/knowledge of different programming and be another smile/voice that helps to continue the 4-H enthusiasm & traditions here.

Heather Reu Stone School 4-H Club

Leadership Experiences:

- Washington School P.A.T.T President (4 years)
- Stone School 4-H General Leader (1 year)
- As a youth I held many leadership positions for my 4-H club as well as the MAP Committee

I would like to help the 4-H program continue to grow in a positive way.

Lisa Small Ixonix Victory 4-H Club

Leadership Experiences:

- Current Co-General Leader, Ixonix Victory 4-H Club (12 years)
- Treasurer MAP Committee (2 years)
- Small Animal Sale Committee (1 year)
- County Awards Committee (6 years)
- Jefferson County Youth Program Assistant (1994 to 1997)

I have been a member of the Jefferson County 4-H program almost continuously since I was 10 years old. I started out as a youth member, then served as Youth Program Assistant while in college, and finally I have been the current co-general leader of Ixonix Victory for the past 12 years. 4-H has always been an important part of my life and is now an important part of my children's lives. I feel that my experience, knowledge, and

passion will make me an excellent addition to the Leader's Board.

Countywide Project Leadership Needed

There are many projects that are offered by the Jefferson County 4-H Program - 70 to be exact! Please refer to Page 12 to see which projects have Countywide Leaders. All other projects do not. If you are interested in becoming a Countywide Project Leader, there are many opportunities that exist. If you are interested, please contact the EXT Office for more details. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

OLDER MEMBERS

Junior Leaders

The next Jr. Leaders Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm at the Extension Office. All youth 6th grade or older are welcome to attend!

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa at 920-723-9039 (call/text) or jakewith07@yahoo.com.

CLUB NEWS

Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met on April 12 at the Farmington Town Hall. Before the meeting began, members collected donations for the Humane Society of Jefferson County and turned in orders for our club flower and vegetable sale fundraiser. Treasurer Noah Hudson reported that the club presented scholarships to Miranda Blake (2020 honoree) and Laura Traver (2021 honoree) In new business, the club scheduled a game day and project night starting at 2pm on May 22. Other upcoming events include a roadside cleanup set for April 23 and a Farmington fields cleanup set May 14. A new coordinator is needed for the June dairy drive. Finally, the club brainstormed ideas for activities for next year, including a bowling event. The next meeting will take place on May 3 at the town hall.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

Jefferson Boosters

The Jefferson Boosters 4-H Club met April 10, 2022. The meeting started out with each club member announcing a project he/she is most excited to take to the Jefferson County Fair. We talked about going to Alden Estates April 30th and bringing animals to show to the residents. We also acknowledged that the Rock River Clovers Club will be joining us. We talked about support for our Jefferson area's parks.

After we adjourned the meeting Leilani Chipman and Ella Van Zanten did presentations. Leilani did a presentation on phases of the moon, using Oreo cookies and Ella demonstrated making Peanut Butter Snack Balls.

- Joe Ebel, Reporter

Rock River Clovers

On Wednesday, April 6 the Rock River Clovers met at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson. The Edward and Gefvert families lead the pledges. Roll call was "What is a project you are working on for fair?" The secretary, treasurer, and sunshine gave their reports.

Isabelle Anderson did her project talk speech on her beef calves. Tawney Hadler did her project talk speech about her barn quilt signs and she has started her own business. Trace Hadler did his project speech about his pig project. Isabelle and Caroline Anderson spoke about the County-Wide project meeting on their attendance for the Hoards Dairy project.

Several members of our club spoke about the bowling party we held in March at Rock River Lanes. Our club's clothing orders were distributed. Our club is participating in Feed Your Soul dinners and we are signing up to volunteer at future dinners.

We did an earth day clean-up on April 23rd and 24th along the bike path behind Blodgett's and downtown near Festival. There will also be a county-wide speech and poster contest with the theme "Careers on the Grow" Our club discussed the county fair livestock decorations for the barns. This year's theme for the fair is the year of the sheep. The Cloverbuds presented their bee craft project.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday May, 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Rockwell School. Cloverbuds will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Kiefer Anderson, Reporter



Stone School

Our April meeting was April 12. One week later due to elections being held at town hall. We decided on a community service project. We are going to clean up around the Town Hall and pick up garbage along Fremont Rd. We talked about 4H Speech & Poster Contest due by May 12 at 4pm and will be a gathering on May 19th. We also decided important fair updates. Our next meeting will be May 3rd at 6:00. Meeting 1 hour earlier to work on community project.

- Keegan Kehoe, Reporter

Sullivan Stars

The Sullivan Stars 4-H Club worked on their annual service project during the April club meeting. Members created and delivered Easter baskets to 18 elderly members of the community. Items for the baskets included word search books, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, Chapstick, and of course, a little candy. Members are planning and preparing projects for fair. Our next meeting will be held on May 5 at 6:30 PM.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Tractor Safety

The Wisconsin Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Certification Program is designed to meet requirements established by the US Department of Labor, pertaining to special provisions made for the employment of youth ages 14-15 on farms not operated by their parents. In addition, Wisconsin Act 455 provides specific provisions for tractor operation by 12-13 year olds. [Find course offerings here!](#)

4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

4-H Needs YOU to be YOU

Have you heard about Chris Clover and the Wisconsin 4-H Movement? Hopefully, you have and are ready to join in on Chris Clover's next adventure. This time it's all about YOU. We hope you'll help us learn something new through the "We Want You To Be You Shirt Design Challenge."

The Challenge

We're excited to learn about what is important to YOU in this new challenge. We hope you'll help us by designing a shirt for Chris Clover so we can share with everyone else! [Find more information here!](#)

2023 Wisconsin 4-H Advanced Space Academy

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering, and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and team-building activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission.

Activities Include: High / Low Ropes Course, NASA Simulators, Russian Language Lessons, Scuba Diving, Fighter Jet Simulators, Advanced Rocketry, Meeting NASA Engineers, Land, Air, and Sea Robotics Training, STEM Challenges, Simulated Space Mission, International Space, etc.

Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2023

Dates: January 21—27, 2023

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,650.00 / youth (Deposit of \$825.00 is due by October 1, 2022)

Lodging: Youth will stay at a hotel in Milwaukee, WI the first night. During the rest of the program youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory.

Meals: All meals will be included in the price.

Transportation: Youth will fly to and from Space Camp from Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI

Registration: July 1-31, 2022 through 4-HOnline. Registration is on a first come., first serve basis. There are only 32 spots available.

More information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu

- Do better in school

In this project, youth will plan a non-competitive game that takes players to different locations around their community, like a scavenger hunt. The locations they choose will highlight a special theme the youth want to learn more about, strengthening their sense of belonging. Through the game, players will go on a fun adventure to explore the community.

The full activity plan includes an overview of the whole project as well as separate instructions for different parts of the project:

- Connect with their community
- Appreciate the natural world
- See themselves as active contributing citizens





UW-MADISON EXTENSION



4-H SPARK DAYS

3 ONE-DAY CONFERENCES

3 UW CAMPUSES

3 TRACKS- WHAT SPARKS YOU?

Join us for 4-H Spark Days! These one-day conferences across three UW Campuses will each feature a different track to fuel your sparks.

Each day includes hands-on sessions, career pathway exploration, great speakers, meeting new 4-H friends from around the state, and fun.

Choose one, or more, that sparks your interest!

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 2

First come, first served

Receive updates and a registration reminder through our email list

<https://go.wisc.edu/uarr89>



UW RIVER FALLS, JUNE 20

Agriculture & Animal Science

Explore your sparks and discover career options you may not have considered. Meet faculty and students to learn more about programs and majors in the Colleges of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science, and more. Experience the campus lab farms, learn about the UWRF college experience, and participate in hands-on sessions.



UW MILWAUKEE, JUNE 21

Urban Agriculture/City Sparks

Explore unique programs and majors, including Urban Agriculture, Film, Architecture, Freshwater Sciences, Library Sciences, and more on the UW-Milwaukee Campus! Meet people from local community organizations, professionals in different career fields, college students from UWM and MATC, and youth from across the state. You don't want to miss this!



UW MADISON, JUNE 22

Arts & Culture

Explore your creative side and how to create a creative life post-high school. Workshop choices include theater arts, dance, photography, and media. Led by Wisconsin 4-H Arts Team, Drama Company, and other community partners.

LEARN MORE HERE:

[HTTPS://4H.EXTENSION.WISC.EDU/OPPORTUNITIES/STATEWIDE-EVENTS-AND-OPPORTUNITIES/4-H-SPARK-DAYS/](https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/4-h-spark-days/)

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