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# Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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# **Jefferson County Project Learning Day**

**Save the Date!** Jefferson County Project Learning Day will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2022 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson starting at 8:30am.

#### What is Project Learning Day?

Project Learning Day is a countywide 4-H Event where 4-H members, leaders and parents are welcome to take a class on various topics. This is an educational event that kids and parents can learn many new things from animals to sewing and many other projects. Project Learning Day is scheduled for **February 18 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson.** Classes that will be offered and registration details will be forwarded in future communications.

#### Interested in Offering a Class?

We are currently looking for individuals to teach a class at Project Learning Days. If you would be willing to teach and have something you think that kids would enjoy please let us know!



# **4-H Thriving Survey**

This fall, Wisconsin 4-H will be inviting members (ages 13-18) to complete a survey about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by National 4-H Leaders (<u>https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/</u>) and will help Wisconsin 4-H to learn about the quality of our programs. The information will help to show how 4-H helps young people to learn new things, develop leadership skills, manage goals, set high personal standards, create positive academic attitudes, and other skills that lead to long-term success in life.

The survey will be sent to all Wisconsin 4-H members by e-mail in the first week of October. Youth who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card! For more information on the 4-H Thriving Model and some of the results from the 2019-2020 4-H Thriving Study in Wisconsin, visit <u>4-H Thriving Model – Wisconsin 4-H</u>

Please keep an eye out for messages and more information about this important survey.



# **DECEMBER 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	
Dec 2	6:00pm	Junior Leaders Meeting & Christmas Party	Extension Office	
Dec 6	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office	
Dec 12	7:00pm	Opm         Beef Project Mandatory Kick-Off Meeting         Extension Office		
Dec 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn		
Dec 29	6:00pm	New Member Archery Safety Meeting & Shoot	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club	

The Extension Office will be closed for the Holidays Friday, December 23—Monday, January 2! The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:00am.



# **PROJECT NEWS**

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**

Watch for meeting announcements!

If you have questions about the cat project, contact Emilie Shoop at <a href="mailto:eshoop@gmail.com">eshoop@gmail.com</a> .

### **Clothing Project**

Watch for meeting announcements!

If you have questions about the clothing project, contact Kimberly Kreger at 920-723-1191.

### **Cloverbud Project**

Are you in 5K-2nd grade and interested in seeing what 4-H is all about? Join our Cloverbud Project! We will explore different areas of what 4-H has to offer.

The next Cloverbud Meeting is January 23 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. If you are new to 4-H and the Cloverbud Project please contact the office if you are interested in attending the meeting(s).

There is a one time fee for the material kit of \$10 and each meeting is an additional \$10. The cost includes the project meeting, take home activities and a project material kit.

The following Cloverbud Meetings will be held:

- March 20, 2023 6:00pm EXT Office
- May 22, 2023 6:00pm EXT Office

Have questions? Reach out to the Extension office at 920-674 -7295.

### **Dairy Project**

Please mark your calendars for June 10 and 11 for Project Learning Day. It will be a two-day event (Saturday and Sunday) at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Please watch your newsletter and emails for additional information as the details are finalized.

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl contact Zach Tolzman at zach.tolzman21@gmail.com .

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

### **Dog Project**

Jefferson County 4H Dog Project will have its first meeting for 2023 on January 16<sup>rd</sup> at the UW Extension office room 8 & 9 at 6pm. This meeting will be our Orientation Meeting for New Members, we will go over our rules, 2023 Calendar and equipment you will need for training your dog. Returning Youth may attend to fill out their paperwork and give a copy of their dogs Rabies Certificate. All paperwork and shot records have to be handed in on/before our first night of training.

Training will start February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. If it's your first year of training or starting with a new dog, your training time will be at 6pm. If you are a returning youth your training time will be 7pm. Each class will be a 45 minute training session.

In case of bad weather and we cancel the meeting it will be on our Facebook page Jefferson Co. 4H Dog Project and will email your 4H listed email account. I would suggest liking our Facebook page most updates are posted on this page.

If you have questions about the dog project, contact Kate Anderson at (920) 723-3614 or 2mtmanderson@gmail.com .

### Foods Project

Watch for meeting announcements! If you have questions about the foods project, contact Monica Gerner (920) 723-2663 or Robyn Ksicinski (920) 988-8916.

### **Goat Project**

Watch for meeting announcements!

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

### Horse & Pony Project

The next Horse & Pony Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm at the Extension Office.

The JCHP Tack Sale is January 15 at the Jefferson County Fair Park.

If you have questions about the horse project, contact the JCHP Committee at <a href="mailto:jchpchair@gmail.com">jchpchair@gmail.com</a> .

### Lego Project

**Leader Needed:** If you are interested in becoming a LEGO leader please contact the Extension Office.

If you have questions about the Lego project, contact the Extension Office at 920-674-7295.

### Livestock Project

Education is the focus of the Livestock Committee incorporating 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.

Upcoming Events:

• Monday, December 12 - Beef Project Mandatory Meeting -Will be held at the Extension Office at 7 p.m.. Mandatory meeting to review project changes, point card, record book, etc. Mandatory for all market and breeding stock project members.

- Monday, February 20 Sheep Project Mandatory Meeting

   7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Mandatory meeting to
   review project changes, point card, record book, etc.
   Mandatory for all market and breeding stock project
   members.
- Monday, February 27 Swine Project Mandatory Meeting 2 sessions will be offered; 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. All market and breeding stock project members must attend one of the sessions.
- June 10 & 11 Dairy Project Learning Day. It will be a two-day event (Saturday and Sunday) at the Jefferson County Fair Park. Please watch your newsletter and emails for additional information as the details are finalized.

### Natural Sciences Project

Plant & oils Projects include these project areas – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, Houseplants and Plant Crafts.

Here are some thoughts and questions to consider.

**December** brings thoughts of **Evergreen trees** and **Poinsettias** we associate with Christmas. What type of Christmas tree will or do you have this year? Will or is it a Douglas fir, Balsam fir, Fraser fir, or a Scotch pine, White pine, or a White spruce, Norway spruce, Blue spruce? If you have an artificial tree, what evergreen family does it represent? Which evergreens grow best in Wisconsin? Do you have one in your yard or on your property?

Some popular **Christmas plants** are the Amaryllis, Christmas Cactus, Rosemary, Holly, and Mistletoe. Have you grown one of these? Which ones would make a good houseplant? One is an herb that you can enjoy and use in cooking. Do any of these grow outside in Wisconsin? Learn more about them and what it takes to grow them. It is also important to know which plants can be poisonous to pets and children.

**December** is a good time to **think** about and choose **houseplants** as a **project** when other plants are dormant or not growing outside. Do you have a houseplant now or would you like to grow one? Would you like to have a new one? What would you choose? A Christmas Cactus for Christmas?

**Succulents** and other plants that need less sunlight are good ones for a houseplant project. Possible choices are Aloe Vera, Jade Plant, Snake plants, Spider plants, Chinese evergreens or a Bromeliad.

Be careful with houseplants in the winter. They can freeze easily. If you purchase or receive a houseplant to take home, protect them in a paper bag or box .

What kind of Plant and Soils Project are you interested in doing this 4-H year? If houseplants aren't your interest, are you thinking of growing garden vegetables or flowers or both? Does your family grow grain crops? Will you be helping them with the crops? Or would you like someone to share growing a crop with you? Let's talk about the possibilities.

No matter what we choose to grow, the soil we use can make a different. It may be the source of a success or failure. Doing a soil study or an exhibit on what minerals are important to different crops, are valid projects for Plant and Soils Projects. Learning and sharing about compost is also a great project on soil.

**Now is planning time**. Talk with your family and make a list of your project choices. Look at seed and plant catalogs. Be ready for spring growing time as you enjoy the winter snow blanket on the perennials resting through the cold days of winter.

Let's answer your questions and get your plans started in January 2022. Watch the newsletter for details and come share what you learned about Christmas plants and your project choices.

If you have questions about the natural sciences project, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or <a href="mailto:rwses@idcnet.com">rwses@idcnet.com</a>.

### Plants & Soils Project

Natural Science Projects include Beekeeping, Birds, Insects, Fishing, Forestry, Wildflowers, Hunting & Wildlife, Adventures, and Environmental projects.

As you see there are many things you can do as a natural science project. Each project area has a variety of possibilities. What are you interested in doing this 4-H year? Do you like wildlife, wildflowers or adventures? What do you want to learn more about? Club Leaders, do you want ideas for a club meeting activity? Would you like me to join you for a meeting? Let's talk.

**In November** project members were invited to meet with the Duck Creek 4-H Club to enjoy making a Thanksgiving arrangement and an evergreen swag. Cones were used in both of these Plant Craft items.

**In December you can make Cone Bird Feeders** by filling or covering them with a peanut butter and birdseed mixture. Then hanging them as ornaments in your trees or bushes for birds or other wildlife. Or create a tree with cut or fallen branches in front of a window where you can watch the feeders for visitors. You will want to see who comes to eat. Have a bird ID book handy and a notebook to record the visitors to your cone feeders. Watch for signs of visitors other than birds.

As a Natural Science project, create a Nature Log by entering dates and details tell about making the cone feeders, when and where you placed them, and who came to visit or eat at them. Take and add pictures if you can.

#### Here are some other ornament ideas.

Make strings of popcorn- but make sure that it's all natural; no butter or salt added. Create Cheerio bracelets-An O circle - String together Cheerios in the shape of a bracelet circle to slide over the tips of branches. A String of pearl can be made using a needle and thread to string together different kinds of grapes. You can also add raisins and cranberries.

**Hang out Apple and orange slices** - Thinly slice (1/4"-1/2") apples and oranges, string through a bit of thread in each,

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and hang each piece separately from branches.

**December** also is the time for **the Christmas Bird Count**. The **Christmas Bird Count** is held each year by the National Audubon Society. The Friends of Rose Lake will hold a count here in Jefferson County on **December 17th**. You may join them for a great Saturday experience in observing birds and our county. It's always interesting to find out how many different birds are hanging around for Christmas. For more info or to join Sharon,

You can also **do your own count** at your bird feeders. Identify and count the birds at your feeder. Make a chart listing the birds, days, times, and weather. Contact Sharon for a bird list or find one on the Audubon or Cornell websites. The Christmas Ornaments and Christmas Bird Count are great as Bird project activities that could be shared as Fair entries. Take pictures, make notes and enjoy watching the birds. It's a surprising joy to see a bird others haven't!

**December** also brings thoughts of **winter activities** and holidays. **The activities you do, mostly likely are Natural Science project activities.** For example, taking a winter hike can be an adventure activity. Watching and Looking for tracks or signs of wildlife can be a wildlife project. Writing a winter poem or story about your hike or the birds at your feeder can be an exhibit.

Do you have or will you make a shelter area for small mammals, amphibians or insects? That would be part of a conservation project. Or are there too many of a species in your yard or local area? If so, What kind of management practices are good and when should they be used? <u>Would you like an activity meeting focused on your project area?</u>

Christmas is a great time to **add items to the gift lists**. For example, add one you could use or like, an ID book about birds, wildflowers, WI mammals or that extra backpack or a new sleeping bag. Maybe a new fishing pole or a tip-up for ice fishing.

Please email me your project activity requests for the New Year. Enjoy the Holidays and the wonderful world we have around us. Let's be **Thankful** for it, **Enjoy** it, and **Care** for it.

If you have questions about the plants and soils project, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or <a href="mailto:rwses@idcnet.com">rwses@idcnet.com</a>.

### **Poultry Project**

Watch for meeting announcements!

If you have questions about the poultry project, contact Joy Brattlie at 608-220-3933.

### **Rabbit Project**

Watch for meeting announcements!

If you have questions about the rabbit project, contact Sue Wilpolt at 608-669-3406.

**Rocketry Project** 

Watch for meeting announcements!

## **Shooting Sports**

New Members! If you are interested in the Archery project attend the Safety Meeting & Archery Shoot on December 29 at 6:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club (N5799 Mill Road, Sullivan, WI).

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingsports@gmail.com

# **LEADER NEWS**

#### Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

#### Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. 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!

#### **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 Friday, December 2 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. They will be making Christmas cards while watching a movie!

Junior Leaders is for youth in 6th through 12th grades. Any 4-H member in those grades is welcome to join our group!

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



Fun at the Jr. Leaders Halloween Party!

# **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Farmington All Stars**

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club met Nov. 1 at the Farmington Town Hall.

The meeting started with an icebreaker activity. Moving on to regular business, the club welcomed new members and recognized members who had received Clover Awards and other honors at the recent county awards ceremony.

The club also heard about the "Fostering Success" program at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, which helps provide necessary supplies and extras for college students who have aged out of the foster care system and who are prioritizing their education.

The club will be doing a collection for the program in the near future.

The next meeting will take place Dec. 6 at Watertown Bowl on Cady Street in Watertown.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

#### **Ideal Clever Clovers**

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H club held their monthly meeting at the Fort Atkinson Public Library. This meeting primarily focused on club business. New secretary Kaitlyn Robbins was sworn in and members discussed upcoming events. Our next meeting will involve cookie decorating and a movie on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at the Dwight Foster Public Library, Fort Atkinson.

- Kathleen Maloney, Reporter

#### **Ixonia Victory**

The Ixonia Victory 4-H club met on November 7th at 6:00pm. Before the meeting the club made twelve tie blankets for Warm Up Watertown. The meeting started at 6:37pm. For roll call this month the question was, "when is it okay to start listening to Christmas music?" The club discussed the pizzapie fundraiser, as well as our club's wreath fundraiser. The club talked about a Christmas party as our December meeting, as well as sponsoring a family for Christmas. The club discussed events for January, and the up-coming county events. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm



-Anna Litwiller, Reporter



#### **Rock River Clovers**

The meeting of the Rock River Clovers 4-H club was held November, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 at Rockwell school. For an activity, the club had a Polar express themed float in the Fort Atkinson Holiday Parade on November 12.



-Keilah Reu, Reporter

#### South Sides Eagles

On November 14th, 2022, Southside Eagles held a meeting where officers were installed and it was decided that the club would be doing Christmas Neighbors, as well as having a Christmas party.

For officer installation, Kayla Roidt was installed as the president. Kimmy Roidt was installed as vice president. Evan Roidt was installed as treasurer. Blake Bohlman was installed as secretary. Emma Hertel was installed as the reporter. Bella Beeney was installed as the corresponding secretary. Johnathan Nordness was installed as the officer-at-large.

The South Side Eagles 4H club will be doing Christmas Neighbors and buying gifts for a large family.

The club will also be doing a Christmas party on December 11th, where the club will buy sub sandwiches, the officers will bring soda and everyone will bring a dish to pass. Everyone can also bring a \$5 or under gift,, for a white elephant gift exchange. The monthly meeting will also be held at this time.

-Reporter

# TRIPS

#### **National 4-H Conference**

National 4-H Conference annually brings 4-H youth and adults from around the nation to work towards strengthening and expanding the 4-H Youth Development program at the local, state, and national levels. National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Headquarters is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, National Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, the conference is a rich and meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Held at a Washington DC area hotel (Hyatt Regency in Arlington, VA), it's usually scheduled around the beginning of April. In 2019, there were approximately 350 delegates, including seven from

#### Wisconsin.

The application for National 4-H Conference is now available for youth in grades 10-12. You can find the application available here: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/</u> <u>files/2022/11/2023-Application-Natl-Conf-1.pdf</u>. Applications are due January 3, 2023. If you would like more information about National 4-H Conference, you can find information on our website: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/</u> <u>statewide-events-and-opportunities/national-4-h-conference/</u>.

If you have questions about National 4-H Conference, please reach out to <u>Joshua Goede</u> or <u>Justin Lieck.</u>

#### **Space Camp**

We are excited that 4-H will be bringing back Space Camp in 2023! Space Camp registration will be open from November 15-December 15 in 4HOnline. Space Camp is a great opportunity for youth to explore aeronautics and space science, careers in space, the history of space exploration, and all that Space Camp in Huntsville, AL has to offer!

Registration for Space Camp is open to youth in grades 6-9 this year. There are a limited number of slots available for 9<sup>th</sup> graders this year, we are accommodating the additional grade this year due to cancelling the program in the past. For more information on Space Camp, please visit our website: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide -events-and-opportunities/space-camp/</u>. Cost is \$900/youth. Some scholarship funds are available at the State level for needs-based scholarships, that application for 2023 programs will be posted soon.

If you need help with registering for an event in 4HOnline, check out our informational page here: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlcparticipate/</u>.

If you have any questions regarding Space Camp, please reach out to <u>justin.lieck@wisc.edu</u>. Thank you!

# **SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

#### Jefferson County Agri-Business Club Scholarship

The Jefferson County Agribusiness Club members fundraise through the annual meat and cheese sale and the Jefferson County Fair. We are pleased that these fundraising events provide scholarship money to residents of Jefferson County or students attending Jefferson County school districts for the 2022–23 school year. Deadline is **January 31, 2023** and applicants are invited to the April meeting to be recognized.

#### Scholarship Applicant's Qualifications:

- High school senior planning to attend a 2- or 4- Year College or technical school majoring in an agricultural or ag-related program. OR

- College student currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year agricultural program or technical school and planning to continue enrollment in an agricultural program next year.

#### Application Instructions and Required Material:

1. Download electronic application at <u>www.jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com</u> Click the scholarship link. You may also request the application by emailing <u>scholarships@jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com</u>

2. Application should be typed

3. Answer all questions completely with well thought out responses

4. Sign and date application

5. Must include one letter of recommendation from a non-family member

6. Must include school transcript

7. Application deadline: January 31, 2023. Emailed or postmarked by this date. Email submissions preferred.
8. Email completed scholarship application, transcripts, and letter of recommendation

to scholarships@jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com

For questions and more information about scholarships contact <u>scholarships@jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com</u>

### Jefferson County Agri-Business Club Grant

The Jefferson County Agribusiness Club members fundraise through the annual meat and cheese sale and the Jefferson County Fair. We are pleased that these fundraising events provide grant money. Deadline is **December 31, 2022** and applicants are invited to the January meeting to talk about their project. Successful grant recipient will be announced in February of 2023.

#### Grant Application Instructions and Required Material:

1. Download electronic application

at <u>www.jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com</u> Click the grant link. You may also request the application by

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- 6. Email completed grant application
- to grants@jeffersoncountyagribusinessclub.com

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# **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Celebrate the Arts**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will sponsor the art contest, open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically.

Although the contest is virtual, **the winning art, selected to be in the arts auction, from each category and the Best of Show must be delivered to the nearest 4-H Office or the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.** <u>These items will become the</u> <u>property of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and will not be</u> <u>returned.</u> In addition, photos or likenesses of all entries may be used by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to promote the 4-H program and/or to raise funds for the Wisconsin 4-H program.

The contest will be broken into nine categories. Artists are **<u>STRONGLY</u>** encouraged to create art that has a 4-H theme or has root in their 4-H experience (example: a photo

taken on a 4-H trip or of another 4-H member working on a 4-H project; a painting inspired by a 4-H event; pottery that incorporates the clover). Artists will be asked to share the details of their inspiration and the 4-H connection as part of the entry process. The 4-H connection to the contest entry will be a part of the evaluation criteria.

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to one entry chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will receive a \$100 cash award. The Best of Show entry will receive an additional \$150 cash award. Winners will be notified by email by February 1. A complete winner's list, as well as photos of the winning entries, will be on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Website by February 15, 2021.

To be eligible for the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Art Contest, youth must be a 4-H member enrolled in 4H Online for the 2022-2023 4-H Program Year. Entrants do <u>not</u> need to be enrolled in any specific project to participate.

Entry form available here: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>KPyDR4KPo2w8e8iF6</u> <u>Tip sheet: how to photograph and upload your artwork</u>

# Entries will be accepted from Tuesday, November 1, 2022 until midnight on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

For updated information, visit the 4-H website: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/artscommunication/celebrate-the-arts/

#### **4-H International Immersion Programs**

Interested in exploring all the world has to offer? If so, Wisconsin 4-H International Programs has an opportunity for you! This is your chance to learn about the world by immersing yourself in daily life as a member of a family in a different country. By participating in a homestay instead of traveling as a tourist, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the country's culture from an insider's perspective, evolve as a global citizen, quickly adapt to new situations and ways of communication, and develop friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

If you're 12 years old or older, you can apply to participate with other 4-H'ers from around the U.S. to live for a month next summer in Japan or South Korea. Youth 15-18 years old are also eligible to apply to Costa Rica.

One previous delegate says, "One of my favorite parts of my exchange was learning how to make homemade tortillas with my host mother!" She also says that she gained soft skills like communication, both the Spanish language and nonverbal communication skills. Another valuable part of the experience was interacting with different people, which increased her ability to make connections with others.

Wisconsin 4-H partners with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs where advance preparation and safety are top priorities. All 4-H international delegations are accompanied by carefully selected and trained 4-H volunteers or staff Adult Advisors who support youth delegates to ensure that they have a positive experience.

Visit <u>wi4hinternational.org</u> for program dates, costs, and applications for Summer 2023. Applications are due to the Wisconsin 4-H International Programs Office by December

16th, 2022. Questions? Contact us by email at <u>wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu</u>, call 608-262-2491, or complete our brief inquiry form.

#### A Way to Help: Order a 4-H Stormy Kromer Hat

Iron County 4-H is working to make programming more accessible to youth and adults with mobility issues. They are kicking off a fundraising campaign to purchase an Action TrackChair® that will be used by 4-H as well as various other outdoor recreational groups that are working to help people get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful Northwoods.

To help in this effort, Iron County 4-H is selling Stormy Kromer® hats with the 4-H clover embroidered on them.

To order, please complete this form: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>mwU9fq8sfZFRp7Ft9</u>. Cost is \$50 per hat (\$5 extra for shipping).

For questions or further information, please contact Neil Klemme, Iron County 4-H Youth Development Educator at <a href="mailto:neil.klemme@wisc.edu">neil.klemme@wisc.edu</a>

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Visit <u>wi4hinternational.org</u> for program dates, costs, and applications for Summer 2023. Applications are due to the Wisconsin 4-H International Programs Office by December 16th, 2022. Questions? Contact us by email at <u>wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu</u>, call 608-262-2491, or complete our brief <u>inquiry form</u>.

# **4-H COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **4-H Family Newsletter**

The 4-H Family Newsletter is a source of information for families to learn about opportunities, activities, workshops, deadlines and other information about Jefferson County 4-H. Leaders and members may submit articles. The newsletter is assembled and distributed through the EXT Office. The newsletter also serves as the essential source of information for Jefferson County Fair, Meat Animal Project Committee (MAP) and other important project and activities.

If you are hosting a project meeting, activity or event that the entire county would benefit from, please be sure to submit your article to the EXT Office by the 15th of each month. This includes any project meeting dates, community service or fundraisers that might be relevant to members outside your club. This is an easy way to help grow your programs and events. Spread the word! Please note the EXT Office may edit submissions based on newsletter space.

#### **Weekly Clover Connection**

The Clover Connection is sent via email through 4honline each week usually on Mondays. The Clover Connection includes important information for the upcoming week. Please watch your email each week for important news and changes. *Note: If you "unsubscribe" to these emails, you will NOT receive any emails through 4honline.* 

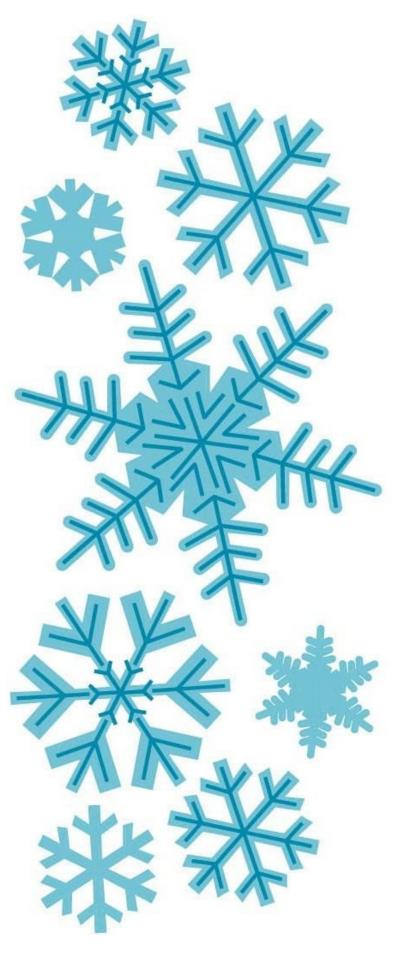
#### 4-H Calendar

For up to date information on what is happening in 4-H, check out the <u>4-H Calendar</u>. Dates are being added, changed, or cancelled all the time. Watch the calendar for updates!

# **JEFFERSON CO. FAIR NEWS**

Are you a new family in the Jefferson County 4-H program? Are you a returning family but not receiving updates from the Jefferson County Fair Park? If you answered yes to either of these questions, please contact the Jefferson County Fair Park to make sure you are on their Information Receiving List. This ensures that you will receive the most up-to-date information on the 2022 Jefferson County Fair and the exhibiting requirements. The Jefferson County Fair Park can be reached at 920-674-7148 or info@jcfairpark.com Jefferson County Fair Park Website: https://www.jcfairpark.com





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