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Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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POSTER & SPEECH CONTEST

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THEME: WHAT DOES ART MEAN TO YOU?

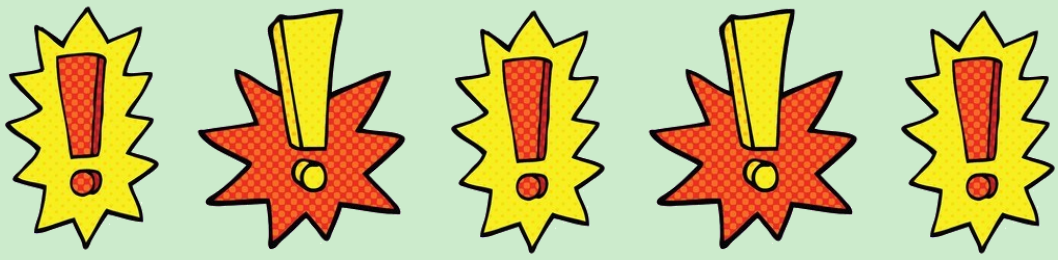
Poster Contest: All Posters due to the Extension Office by May 11. 4-H youth, leaders & clubs may participate.

Speech Contest: Registration required by May 11
https://forms.gle/2U2SNVFzr2RyrJpL9

Find more information here!

4-H Project Changes—Due April 15

Project changes (adding or subtracting projects) are due in 4HOnline by April 15. We would encourage EVERYONE to double check their projects in 4HOnline. With the transition to the new 4HOnline program not all projects were transferred over. In order to receive project communications you need to be enrolled in the certain project in 4HOnline. View the directions to view and edit your projects in 4HOnline here!



April 2023 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
April 1		WFTD Scholarship Applications Due	
April 2	2:00pm	4-H Lamb Cake Bake– Off	Extension Office
April 2	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports Safety Meeting	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
April 3	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 3	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 4	6:00pm	Horse Judging & Hippology	Extension Office
April 4	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
April 6	6:30pm	Poultry Project Meeting	Extension Office
April 7		Extension Office Closed	
April 10		Dairy Grant Application Due	
April 10	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 10	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 11	6:00pm	Livestock Record Book Training	Extension Office
April 11	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension Office
April 12	6:30pm	Natural Sciences Project Meeting—Rocks	Extension Office
April 13	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
April 15		All project changes due in 4HOnline	
April 15		Newsletter Items Due	
April 16	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
April 17	5:00pm	Dog Project Fun Night	Fair Park
April 17	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
April 18	5:30pm	Cat Project Meeting	Fair Park
April 18	7:00pm	Horse & Pony Countywide Meeting	Fair Park
April 20	6:30pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension Office
April 23	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club
April 24	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: .22 pistol, muzzleloader, 3D Archery	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
April 24	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 24	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth/Dogs	Fair Park
April 24	7:00pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension Office
April 25	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
April 25	7:00pm	Junior Leaders Meeting	Extension Office
April 27	6:00pm	Plants & Soil Sciences Project Meeting	Extension Office
April 27	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
April 29	9:00am	Jefferson County Children's Share & Care Fair	Fort Atkinson High School
April 30	2:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports: air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, .22 rifle	Watertown Conservation Club

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

The upcoming meetings will be held at 5:30pm at the Fair Park on April 18, May 16 and June 20. Bring your cat if you are able.

If you have questions about the cat project, contact Emilie Shoop at eshoop@gmail.com .

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 May 22 at 6:00pm at the Jefferson County Fair Park (Sheep Barn). If you are new to 4-H and the Cloverbud Project please contact the office if you are interested in attending the meeting(s). REGISTRATION is REQUIRED.

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 final meeting for this 4-H year will be held:

- May 22, 2023 - 6:00pm - Jefferson County Fair Park - Sheep Barn

Questions? Reach out to Extension office at 920-674-7295.

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting will be held on April 24 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Farm Tours - Saturday, May 13, Jefferson County 4-H will host a farm tour open to anyone enrolled in Jefferson County 4-H. The three farms we will be touring include Norm &Joyce Uglow Farm, Troy and Ashley Schlender Farm and the last stop will be at the Crave Brothers. Please watch for more information.

Fair Entries– Fair entries are open until June 1st. Please reach out with any questions.

Dairy Grant Application: The Dairy Grant Application is due April 10!

Dairy Scholarship: The Dairy Scholarship Application is due to the Extension Office by May 8!

Save the Date: Dairy Project Learning Days are June 10 and 11!

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

Dog Project

The upcoming Dog Project Meetings in April are as follow:

- New Members/Dogs - 6pm - April 3, 10, 24
- Returning Members/Dogs - 7pm - April 3, 10, 24
- Dog Project Fun Night—April 17 at 5:00pm at Fair Park

In case of bad weather and we cancel the meeting, it will be on our Facebook page (Jefferson Co. 4H Dog Project) and emailed to your 4-H listed email account. Please like 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 .

Horse & Pony Project

The next **Horse & Pony Committee** meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

The **next Horse Judging & Hippology** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 6 :00 pm at the Extension Office.

The next **JCHP Countywide Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm at the Fair Park Activity Center.

If you have questions about the horse project, contact the JCHP Committee at jchpchair@gmail.com .

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is April 25 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office.

If you have questions about the Lego project, contact Cheryl Mierendorf at 920-723-5138 or candshorsemanship@yahoo.com

Livestock Project

Includes: beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine.

Upcoming Events:

- **April 11** - Livestock Committee at 7 pm at the Extension Office
- **April 15** - The Beef Project is taking a tour to Sunshine Genetics in Whitewater on Saturday April 15th from 9am-Noon. We will tour their facility and learn about basic reproduction. Members of all livestock projects are welcome. This trip will earn you points for your point card. Sign up here!
- **May 7 - YQCA Class**—1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office
- **May 21** - The **Livestock Project Learning Day** will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park from 9:00am-3:00pm. Watch your emails for a sign up!
- **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.

PROJECT NEWS

Natural Sciences Project

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

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30pm join the Twin Rivers 4-H Club at the Extension Office for a Natural Science activity on **Rocks – Eat 'Em, Use 'Em, & Explore 'Em**. ***RSVP by Friday, April 7.***

The activity will include a brief **overview** of rocks around us, how we can study them, enjoy them, and their importance in our lives. The hands-on activity will be some **rock ID** to enjoy and for starting a collection.

If you are a member that ordered a Natural Science Project Box and have a geode from it, bring it with you. Did you crack or cut it? If you would like it to cut let me know.

Saturday, April 29- A Rock Collecting Trip, 10am-2pm in Janesville, WI. Must RSVP for information and directions by Wed, April 26. This would be a great time for **collecting rock examples** for a collection as a project exhibit. There are several piles of rock to collect from. Other collectors often find fossils, jasper, lots of chert and more.

This rock collecting trip could also be considered **an adventure**. One would be able to see what one quarry looks like and view equipment used there. The experience could be used for a project exhibit.

Anyone enjoying collecting rocks or just being out on a spring day is welcome to join the Gem and Mineral Club for this spring Quarry trip. You can get more information and directions by texting or emailing Sharon, 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com.

April 22 is Earth Day and Friday the 28th is Arbor Day.
Plan a way to celebrate and care for nature at your home or in a park. May we all enjoy nature from the migrating birds to the frogs, fishing, hiking and biking. We have a wonderful world around us to enjoy as we explore.

Fair Entries?
It is time to plan project exhibits for the county fair. Info is on the County Fair Website. Look at and print a copy of Dept 16 rules and entries from the Fair Book online. There are many entries to choose from. Mark your choices on your printout so you are ready to enter them. Also, you will have the guidelines to use as you create your exhibit. Would you like to discuss your ideas or questions? I'll be glad to talk with you. Remember that Natural Sciences is all Natural Resources and Environmental Educational Projects.

Natural Science Project Box
Did you request one offered in February? The activities in the Box can be great project exhibits as Fair entries. For **Forestry/Trees** the *"Why Leaves Change Colors"* or *"Reading the Rings of a Tree"* from the Box are good. Or doing your own research, taking pictures, make a poster, or using a tree trunk slab to show the story the tree tells are also great. "*Pollinator Pals Activity Book"* has a variety of activity ideas for an **Insect** project exhibit.

If you got the **Art Kit Box**, the activities of making a "Suncatcher", "Sun Prints", and "Wind Spirals" might be exhibited as demonstrating **Weather** conditions. Likewise making *"Paper Beads," "Egg Carton Hedgehog" and "Paper Mache Bird Sculptures"* would be a good sample of reducing, reusing, recycling under **Conservation**. The*"Paper Mache Bird Sculptures"* might also be part of a **Bird** project exhibit.

Please remember to **RSVP by Friday, April 7th for the Wednesday, April 12th meeting Activity.**

Save the Date-May 6! Birds and More, A Natural Science Project Day International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated May 6th at Dorothy Carnes Park with the "Big Sit" by the Friends of Rose Lake.

If there is any project area you would like help with or to investigate give a call/text or email anytime. Call 920-650-7110 or email Sharon Schweitzer at rwses@idcnet.com.

Plants & Soils Project

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

The next Plants & Soils Project meeting is Thursday, April 27 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to Sharon by Monday, April 24!

What gardening can we do in April? Start some seeds? Yes, start those seeds for the cold crop plants. Try seeding some early radishes by sprinkling seed on the snow. Plan your garden layout, rotating the areas you plant your favorite vegetable plants. Get planters ready for container gardening. Warmer days are coming, be ready to plant and transplant into the garden.

For those who ordered a **Natural Science Project Box,** it had 3 pages of activities for Plant and Soil Projects. The page about "Gardening and Horticulture" gave lists of activities for beginning gardening, learning more and doing special garden projects. Plus it gave ideas on how gardening skills can be used thought out life.

Another page shared about "Hydroponics" and recording the growing steps. Others had an example of a"Flowering Plant Life Cycle" and one about "Soil Types". All gave great ideas and information for project activities and project exhibits for sharing with others or club demonstrations or a Fair exhibit.

Are you choosing to exhibit flowers or vegetables at the County Fair? You'll need to know how many growing days are there before fair. Also, you will want to know which flower or vegetable varieties are best for exhibiting or just growing in Wisconsin. The guides listed in the March newsletter can help you find that information. They were A1653 Planting Guide,, A3382 Container Gardening., **A2935** Evaluating & Judging Flowers & Indoor Plants and **A3306** Exhibiting & Judging Vegetables.All of these have information for good growing practices and what is needed to be informed about fair entries**.**

For houseplants, view the UW Garden Fact sheet (XHT1033) Houseplant Care.

To help choose what houseplant, flowers, vegetables or crops to exhibit, go to the Jefferson County Fair website and find **Dept 14 Plant & Soil Sciences and Dept 15 Flowers & Houseplants in the Fair Book under Junior exhibitor class. Download** and/or **Print** those pages(61-70) for references. All of these guides can be used by/for 4-H Cloverbuds to grow and enjoy a plant project or do a fair exhibit. For County Fair, **Cloverbuds are listed as Future Exhibitors under the Open Class Exhibitors (pgs 100-102).**

Bring your questions, the guides listed and share what you have selected to grow. Let's look as some plants and vegetables as projects exhibits. There will be examples to review and evaluate. Some plant care and possible seed planting or transplanting will be planned along with how we might help our plants stay healthy.

If you have questions about these projects, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com.

Poultry Project

The next Poultry Project meeting is April 6 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

The Jefferson County 4-H Poultry Project is "Eggcited" to announce that we have purchased an egg incubator for project members to check out and use to hatch eggs at home.

A Google (drive/doc/form) will be used to check the incubator check. Use will be first come first served. Families are encouraged to work together with neighboring project members to allow more families availability on the calendar. Sign up here!

Project families may check the incubator out for 25 days if hatching chickens or 32 days if hatching waterfowl. The success of this program is dependent on families picking up and returning the incubator on time. Families should have eggs on hand and ready to set the day the incubator is picked up. Families will need to clean and return the incubator to UWEX or arrange pickup/delivery with the next family on the list as soon as hatch is complete.

Families are responsible for damage and loss of incubator. If incubator is not returned in good working order families will be invoiced for replacement of the incubator ($175) and its accessories ($25).

Happy Hatching!

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

Rocketry

The rocketry (aerospace) project will meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (March-May). The project meetings in April will be held on April 13 and April 27.

Youth must be able to safely use an X-Acto knife or be accompanied by an adult who will assist the youth with cutting rocket parts.

In addition to making rockets from kits, youth also will have the opportunity to make rockets from scratch. The rocketry project is seeking donations of Pringles cans, sturdy cardboard tubes longer than 9 inches (such as aluminum foil tubes), and balsa wood.

For more information, contact Roald Ager-Hart or Brett Hart at 920-674-4963.

Shooting Sports

All youth in the Shooting Sports project – specifically archery – should have received an email regarding shooting sports dates. If you didn't receive an email, please send an email to jeffersonwi4hshootingsports@gmail.com

Outdoor Shooting Sports
There will be an Outdoor Shooting Sports Safety Meeting on April 2 at 5:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club.

Air rifle, air pistol, shotgun and .22 rifle will be held on Sundays from 2pm-4pm in at the Watertown Conservation Club beginning on April 16-June 11.

.22 pistol, muzzleloader and 3D archery will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club starting on April 17-June 12.

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, April 20 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

If you are interested in serving on the Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Board - nomination forms are due to the Extension Office by April 15. Leaders Board Nomination Form

Note: Candidates must be members in good standing who have served as a leader for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm 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!

Volunteer in Preparation Training

If you are hoping to become a volunteer with the Jefferson County 4-H program, you are required to go through the Volunteers-In-Preparation (or VIP) training. There is one training coming up in April.

- April 4—7:00pm—Extension Office
  - ⇒ Registration Required! REGISTER HERE!

Please reach out to the Extension Office for more information.

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

Watch your email for information on the next Jr. Leaders meeting!

Junior Leaders is for youth in 6th -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.

CLUB NEWS

Duck Creek

The Duck Creek club met at Saint Coletta cabin in Jefferson on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023. We elected a new vice president and there were demonstration speeches. Next month's meeting is on Tuesday, April 11th at 6 PM; we're going to go bowling at Watertown Bowl.

- Demetrius Myers, Reporter

Farmington All-Stars

The Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club held two meetings in the past month. First, we held a game day Sunday March 5. We played John Deere-themed checkers and an original game designed by a club member and other students, "Build a Menagerie," which was also shared during the recent Project Learning Day.

The club's regular meeting took place March 7.

At the regular meeting, Lindsay Baneck introduced the spring plant sale fundraiser, run by Jelli's Market. The Muellers reported on Sunday's game day. The Sheldon family gave an update on the humane society charity project. There is a list of needed items families should have received by email, which are due at the next meeting. Tie-blankets for Project Linus are also due at the April meeting.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

Ixonia Victory

The Ixonia Victory 4-H club met on March 6th at 6:30pm. Before the meeting the club made 22 birthday bags for the Watertown Food Pantry. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. For roll call the club talked about their favorite flowers. The club discussed finding a group to play bingo with, as well as an upcoming service project.

The club will be doing a flower fundraiser throughout April, and they will also be doing a club livestock tour in June. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

- Anna Litwiller, Reporter

Lucky Clovers

The Watertown Lucky Clovers 4-H group had their meeting in February at PEAK Genetics on Airport Road in Watertown. The 4-H group were given a tour of the facility. Peak Genetics develop sustainable beef and Dairy cattle for global clients, such as China, Brazil, and Canada.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Jefferson County WFTD Scholarship

The Executive Committee of the 2019 Jefferson County Wisconsin Farm Technology Days show has announced that applications are now being accepted for their fourth round of student scholarships.

This scholarship is open to any student who is a high school senior. The applicant must be planning to attend a Farm & Industry Short Course, a technical college or four-year university and be majoring in agricultural studies.

The application and guidelines can be found at https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-technology-days/ . Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2023.

For questions about the application process, please email kbroedlow@jeffersoncountywi.gov .

Scott E. Skalitzky Memorial Scholarship

The Scott E. Skalitzky Memorial Scholarship has been established to deserving graduates to continue their education in the areas of: Agriculture, Mechanics, Natural Sciences or any area of Medical. For more details and the application click here!

Wisconsin Towns Association Scholarship

Your thoughts – combined with your writing skills and creativity – can put you in line to receive one of seven scholarships. Rural Mutual Insurance Company, Wisconsin Towns Association, and Scott Construction, Inc. are again offering the following scholarships to winners of an essay contest. Scholarships will be awarded on the following basis:

Two (2) **$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the students with the highest-ranking essay score from a town or village insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company as of May 1, 2023. Five (5) **$1,000** scholarships will be awarded to the top five additional students with the highest-ranking essay scores.

All applicants must graduate from a Wisconsin public or private high school in 2023 and plan to attend a Wisconsin public or private college or university in 2023. Essays will be judged independently on originality and subject matter in relation to the topic. The essays must also contain correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Judging will be completed by August 11, 2023. Recipients will be announced by August 25, 2023. Proof of enrollment in a Wisconsin public or private college is required to receive a scholarship. View complete details here.

Submit your essay along with this background information sheet to sandy.wanta@wisctowns.com or W7686 Co. Rd. MMM, Shawano, WI 54166.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Summer Camp

Dane County 4-H has invited Jefferson County 4-H to join them at the 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods again this year. It's time to register for Dane County 4-H Camp! We are planning a fantastic activities for youth in Grades 3-8. **Register today!**

Not sure what 4-H Camp is all about? Check out this fun Dane County video!

All the details and the registration portal can be found on the Dane County 4-H Camp page.

Camp takes place at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in the WI Dells. Youth will experience 3 nights/4 days of fun camp activities, crafts, field games, campfire, swimming, nature walks, games and more. They will connect with the outdoors, try new activities, and make new friends.

Invite your friends to join you. Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

- Grades 3-5 – July 26-29, 2023
- Grades 6-8 – July 29-Aug 1, 2023

General Camp Rate - $270

Deadline is June 2, 2023 or when camp fills.

Reach out if you have any questions – dane4Hcamp@gmail.com or curley.lisa@countyofdane.com.

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest

The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation - Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest is an opportunity for fourth and fifth grade students to explore Wisconsin history, geography, and economics through the lens of Wisconsin Agriculture. An annual essay prompt challenges students to research and write an informative essay. The contest supports Wisconsin academic standards including English Language Arts and Social Studies. Top essays are recognized at the county, district, and state levels. The generous support of sponsors and volunteers make this learning opportunity possible each year.

The essay contest gleans the annual theme from the annual Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Book of the Year. *Tales of the Dairy Fairy – Chuck's Ice Cream Wish,* by Viola Butler, illustrated by Ward Jenkins, has been chosen as the 2022-23 Book of the Year for its accuracy in depicting dairy farming and dairy farmers, as well as for the nod to the processing that must occur dairy products to be produced.

View the full contest details here!

2023 Wildlife & Woods Virtual Classes

Outdoor enthusiasts connect with other 4-H youth of all ages from around the state. Together, we explore the natural world with a special focus on wildlife, wildlife habitats, and trees. Participants learn about wild places across the United States following the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the 4-H Forestry Program. Materials are designed for all ages and knowledge levels, so everyone can benefit. Since the sessions are co-presenter by youth and adult leaders, the youth leadership opportunities are plentiful.
Youth leaders research about wildlife, trees, management concepts and management practices; prepare slides; lead activities; present topics from slides; record videos; or read announcements. Youth leaders also meet virtually the week before for prep and practice. Being a part of this team is great preparation for WHEP and Forestry competitions. For more information or to join the Wildlife & Woods Leader Team, contact: Lee Delcore and Kerri Ast **wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com**

Mark your 2023 calendars for the fourth Wednesdays, 7- 8 pm: April 26 and May 24.

To register for the virtual sessions, log into your family account in 4HOnline. Under the EVENTS tab look for "Wildlife & Woods Virtual Series," register and then you will receive an email with the Zoom link. Registration is open until 6:30 the night of each session. If you need help registering or are registering as a participant, please visit the VLC website here.

Bring the World Home by Hosting an International Friend this Summer!

Every year, Wisconsin 4-H brings youth from around the world to stay with a host family for four weeks of the summer. Students are matched with a family who has a child of similar age and gender to become their host sibling and share their culture with their student. Host families and delegates are matched based on shared interests. Students are between the ages of 12-18, depending on the program, with the majority being 12-15 years old. The students are accompanied by adult chaperones, who stay with separate host families. These families do not need to have children living with them, so there is an opportunity for everyone to host!

By hosting an international delegate this summer, families will:

- Gain appreciation for another person and their culture
- Increase cross-cultural awareness and understanding
- Better understand their own culture while learning about another
- Form lasting friendships and create unforgettable memories

This experience focuses on 'everyday American family life,' so no special plans or trips are required! The visiting youth are excited to spend time with your family and will introduce your family to their culture too. Your children will have the opportunity to make a lifelong friend from abroad and have an unforgettable summer they will be excited to share about!

Dates vary by program and are listed below:

- Norway: June 23 – July 20, 2023 (delegates 15-18 yr old)
- Japan: July 23 – Aug 16, 2023 (delegates 12-16 yr old)

Applications are available at states4hexchange.org/apply/host/ and will be accepted until April 15, or until all students are placed. For more information visit wi4hinternational.org or contact Wisconsin 4-H International Programs at wi4hinternational@extension.wisc.edu or 608.262.2491. We look forward to hearing from you soon and starting your once-in-a-lifetime experience!

TSC Paper Clover Campaign

The Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has worked with 4-H for the past several years by coordinating a paper clover campaign held in the spring and fall of each year. Proceeds from the sale of paper clovers at each Wisconsin TSC store go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership programming.

This year the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is actively encouraging clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the spring 2023 campaign scheduled for April 26 through May 7, 2023.

****ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Click this link to sign up: Spr23 TSC Paper Clover In-store Promo Sign Up**

Click here for more information!

Introducing the 2023 Summer Academy!

Wisconsin 4-H and UW-Madison Extension are excited to announce a new student opportunity: the Summer Academy!

This program is open to any 4-Hers in grades 7-10 and will be held from June 19-22, 2023 on the UW-Madison campus. Students will be able to experience life in a residence hall, with the chance to build lifelong friendships with other youth from across Wisconsin.

The theme of the inaugural Summer Academy is "Exploring Your WHY," with the goal of providing students the resources to discover pathways to their futures. There will be chances to learn about higher education from UW-Madison and Madison College, as well as career discovery and networking opportunities.

Students will be able to choose from 7 SPARK tracks to learn what it takes to have a career or hobby in a field that fits them the best. These tracks are:

- Arts & Communication
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Science
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
- Human Services (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health)
- Construction & Trades
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Science

During the event, there will also be fun activities and entertainment from the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council, the Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company, and more!

Registration opens in April, keep an eye on this page for more information on program events and the application process.

Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for induction into the 2023 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame! The Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame is established to recognize 4-H volunteers, financial supporters, staff, and pioneers who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels. You will find the nomination form at https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-hall-of-fame/

Review the criteria on the website for more details on requirements. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 19, 2023.

If you have nominated someone in the past and they were not selected to be inducted, they may be nominated again but you must refresh the nomination carefully, considering the criteria. Past laureates are highlighted on the website if you are looking for ideas on potential nominees.

Laureates will be notified in late June if they have been selected for induction in the 2023 class. Induction ceremony for the Class of 2023 will be held in April 2024 (details TBD).

Thank you for your help in finding those special 4-H people to receive this honor!

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS

- May 18, 2023 - Poster & Speech Contest
- September 16, 2023 - Sparks Day Competition

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 4-H Calendar. 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. Sign up for updates here! This ensures that you will receive the most up-to-date information on the 2023 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

4-H Lamb Cake BAKE-OFF

April 2 | 2:00pm

Jefferson County Extension Office

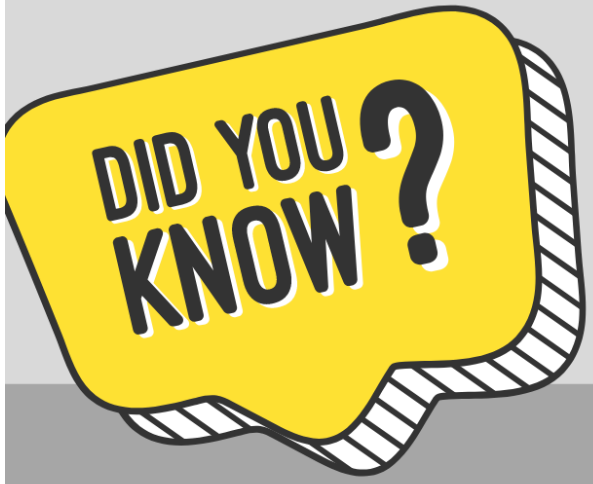
Cake will be judged on appearance & taste!

Registration Required by March 29

https://forms.gle/tcMjzeJHbtppjwEQ7

Winner will receive a Baby Bunny Cakelet Mold

POSTER & SPEECH
Contest
May 18 | Extension Office
Theme: What does Art mean to YOU?
Poster Contest: All Posters due to the Extension Office by May 11
4-H youth, leaders & clubs may participate.
Speech Contest: Registration required by May 11
https://forms.gle/2U2SNVFzr2RyrJpL9



4-H LIVESTOCK POINT CARD

1. The Livestock Point Card is for the sole purpose of Livestock Awards, Project Grants & Trips. The Point Card is not linked to the Jefferson County Fair.
**The only exception is the Dairy Point Card which is required to participate in the Showmanship Jackpot at the Fair.*

2. Mandatory items listed on the Livestock Point Card are **required** in order to be eligible for Livestock Awards

3. It encompasses the whole 4-H year. Points must be obtained between September 1 through August 30. It is due to the Extension Office by August 31.

4. In order to exhibit at the Jefferson County as a 4-H'er youth MUST be a member in good standing. Meaning youth are enrolled in the Jefferson County 4-H program & have paid their dues.

Questions

Contact a Livestock Committee Member or Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H Educator, at jerry.wilcenski@wisc.edu or at 920-674-7295.

Youth who completed grades 3-8 are invited to attend Dane County 4-H Summer Camp.

Invite your friends to join you!
Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

Youth will experience camp activities, crafts, field games, camp songs, nature walks and more. Try new activities, have fun, and make friends.

More information including required forms, packing list, and arrival/departure instructions will be sent to registered campers.

2023 DANE COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP

Session 1:
July 26 - 29, 2023
Completed Grades 3-5

Session 2:
July 29 - August 1, 2023
Completed Grades 6-8

Register by June 2, 2023

danecounty4H.org >4-H Camp

$220.00 - Dane County 4-H Member
$270.00 - General Camp Rate

Includes all supplies, meals and snacks.
***Financial Assistance Available**

Drop off and pick up at Upham Woods Camp

Times and more information will be available on danecounty4H.org > 4-H Camp

Questions?
4Hinfo@countyofdane.com
www.danecounty4H.org

Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is a residential facility operated by the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) and located on the magnificent Wisconsin River and amidst the bluffs of Upper Wisconsin Dells.

Upham Woods
Outdoor Learning Center
N194 County Rd N
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

UW–MADISON EXTENSION
DANE COUNTY

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JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY FARMERS POSTER CONTEST

June Dairy Month

Poster Contest

Theme: **Dairy is good for my body** or **Dairy is good for my planet.**

Every Jefferson County 4-H member can participate!

Posters must be original artwork and must be on standard poster board, any size up to 22" x28". Posters should contain only original, hand-drawn artwork done by the participants. Posters must be in any medium (oil, acrylic, markers, pastel, pencil, etc.). Posters cannot use text or images taken from newspapers, magazines, downloads from the internet or photos.

Jefferson County Dairy farmers sponsor this poster contest to help 4-H members learn more about milk, dairy products and how dairy farmers are responsible stewards of the environment. You can choose the best theme for your poster. Be creative! Facts should be truthful. Some resources to get your ideas and facts from are nearby dairy farms or Dairy farmers of Wisconsin.com., Dairy Alliance.com or National Dairy Council.com.

Posters may be produced individually by a member or submitted by a club. The Entry Form must be included with each poster and attached to the back of the poster. Posters are due to the Jefferson County 4-H office on: **Friday, May 19, 2023.** Posters will be displayed in prominent locations in the county during the month of June. Participants must request the return of posters.

Poster Category

Category (grade 3 – 8) or (grade 9 – 12) or Club (Grade 3- 12)

Prizes: First, second and third places in grade category and club category

First place $100.00 Second place $75.00 third place $50.00

For more information contact: Sue Marx 262.582.3020 or sue_marx@yahoo.com

JEFFERSON COUNTY DAIRY FARMERS POSTER CONTEST

2023 June Dairy Month Poster Contest

Official Entry Form

Instructions: Paste or tape this entry form on the back of your poster in the upper right-hand corner. Please print.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

4-H Club: _____

Grade: _____

Club entry must include names and grades of all participates:

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DIRECTORY

Leader's Association Board

Name	Club	Phone
Susie Schuld, President	Twin Rivers	920-988-8166
Jessica Pfeifer, Past President	Stable Stompers	920-285-0513
Melissa Gerner, President Elect	Lake Ripley	920-723-8660
Deb Ebel, Secretary	Jefferson Boosters	715-563-2986
Becki Durkee, Treasurer	Lake Ripley	608-444-4509
Megan Lundy, Director	Cream of the Crop 4-H	920-563-6137
Lisa Small, Director	Ixonia Victory	920-285-7204
Heather Reu, Director	Stone School	262-812-3236
Angie Greving, Director	Farmington All Stars	608-295-4959
Roald Ager-Hart, Youth Director	Duck Creek	

Countywide Project Leaders

Project	Name	Phone
Cats	Emilie Shoop	309-473-3083
Clothing	Kimberly Kreger	920-723-1191
Dairy	Bill Uecker	920-285-9125
Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Foods	Monica Gerner	920-723-2663
Goats	Contact the Extension Office	
Horse & Pony	Jenn Olson	jchpchair@gmail.com
Junior Leaders	Alyssa Jaquith	920-723-9039
Lego	Cheryl Mierendorf	920-723-5138
Livestock	Justin Thom	262-490-1313
Plant & Natural Sciences	Sharon Schweitzer	920-650-7110
Poultry	Joy Brattlie	608-220-3933
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