



# Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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## 4-H Livestock Project Sweepstakes

The Jefferson County Livestock Committee is hosting a sweepstakes drawing on September 12th. Thanks to our amazing donors we have some great prizes! Tickets are on sale through any JCLC member or at the Extension office until 9/12 and are a suggested donation of \$10 each. The drawing will be at the monthly JCLC meeting on September 12th at 7:00pm. The money raised goes toward incentive trips for top points earners, meats judging, livestock judging, project grants, livestock awards, livestock educational events and more.



## 4-H Apparel Fundraiser

Show off your Jefferson County 4-H pride with some cool new apparel! You'll find t-shirts, sweatshirts, and windbreakers in a variety of colors and sizes in the online store. A small portion of each apparel sale will go to the Leader's Association. The Leader's Association provides funding for many 4-H experiences including trips, scholarships, project grants, Georgia Snow at the fair, the county awards banquet and more! Order using this link by October 8th at 11:59pm.

<https://jefferson4hbb.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

All orders will be delivered to the Extension Office around the 1st of November. You will receive an email to pick up your order from the office.



## September 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
Sept. 1		Club's Annual Financial Reports & Charters Due to Extension Office	
Sept 1		4-H Awards Due to Extension	
Sept 1		Project Grant Applications Due	
Sept 4		Extension Office Closed	
Sept 5	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 6		Re-Enrollment in 4-H Online Opens	
Sept 11	6:30pm	Avian Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
Sept 12	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
Sept 16	11:00am	Jefferson County 4-H Sparks Day Competition	Extension Office
Sept 17	6:30pm	Avian Quiz Bowl Practice	Extension Office
Sept 21	4:00pm	4-H Open House	Extension Office
Sept 21	6:30pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 23		Avian Quiz Bowl	
Sept 25	7:00pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 26	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office
Sept 26	7:00pm	Junior Leaders Meeting	Extension Office



# 4-H AWARDS & BANQUET INFORMATION

**Save The Date!** The 4-H Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, October 8. Time and location to be determined.

## Clover Award

Anyone in 4-H can apply and receive a Clover Award just by participating! The Clover Award program recognizes 4-H members for the things they do in 4-H. By participating in activities members earn points towards five levels of recognition. If you are doing things in 4-H start filling out your Clover Award today! You can earn a Clover Award in one year, or it may take a couple of years. The more active you are the easier it is to get points. Check out the easy to complete application by clicking here - [Clover Award Application](#). Applications are due September 1st.

## Project Award

Apply for a Project Award! You may apply for up to 3 project awards per year. Please continue to use whatever method you want to show your growth and leadership in a particular project area. You can make a video, do a scrapbook, write a speech, make a display or be as creative as you want. Project Awards are separate from Record Book Awards. [Project Award Applications](#) are due September 1st.

## Officer Books

Club officers - Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter/Historian are encouraged to keep a record book throughout the year of the club's happenings. Sample books are available at the EXT Office or on the [website](#). They are due to the EXT office by September 1st.

## Key Award

The 4-H Key Award is intended to be the top honor a county can give to any 4-H member. The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award recognizes 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Older 4-H members are encouraged to apply for the 4-H key award. The application is based on participation in activities, an essay showing how 4-H has helped you to gain life skills and the completion of a leadership project. If you are interested in applying or at least starting the application process please contact the Extension Office. Key Award applications are due September 1st.

## Record Book Award

Every 4-H member is highly encouraged to complete their year with a Record Book. Please check with your club, as some clubs have a Record Book requirement. Youth wishing to participate in the Record Book Award must have their Record Book turned in to the EXT Office by September 1st. Your club leader can bring it in, or you can bring it in as an individual. Click here for the [Member Record Book](#). Click here for the [Cloverbud Record Book](#).

## Nominations Sought for 4-H Volunteers

This year we will be awarding TWO Volunteer Awards at the Awards Celebration. The "Volunteer of the Year Award" (a volunteer 10 years or less) and "Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Award" (A volunteer over 10 years of service). Often leaders are not comfortable nominating themselves, but each of us has worked with some outstanding volunteers. Click

here for the [Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#). Click here for [Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## Friend of 4-H Award

We are looking for individuals and businesses who go above and beyond to help the 4-H program through their donations of service, time, money, etc. Do you know of someone who is not a leader or member but does so much for 4-H? Or someone who is a leader or member but does things for 4-H as part of their occupation? Nominate them for the Friend of 4-H Award. We get few nominations each year and want to make sure our supporters know how much we appreciate them. Click here for the [Friend of 4-H Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## Green and Gold Award

Do you have a volunteer, youth or adult, in your club that goes above and beyond? Nominate them for the Green and Gold Award. This award may be given to youth and certified leaders within your club that have demonstrated a consistent effort of volunteer services to their club, county, project and/or the association. Adult volunteers must be certified leaders with Jefferson County 4-H. Click here for the [Green and Gold Nomination Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## 4-H Community Servant Award "My Hands to Larger Service"

The 2nd H in the 4-H Pledge is about pledging our hands to service. 4-H clubs (and members) who complete Community Service events in the name of 4-H should be honored for the things they do. Each club should complete the "My Hands to Larger Service" log to record the things that club members and your club as a whole do throughout the year. The clubs with the highest percentage of involvement will receive a monetary award. Each club who completes the log will be honored for their service. Click here for the ["My Hands to Larger Service" Community Service Log & Awards Form](#). Nominations are due by September 1st.

## 4-H Project Grants

The Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association is again offering the opportunity for youth to apply for grant funding to support their project work of the upcoming 4-H year. Youth may apply for multiple projects, but are only eligible to be awarded one project grant annually. The number of project grants awarded will depend on available funds. Applications will be reviewed and decided upon by the Grant Award Committee. For more information and to apply, [click here!](#) Applications are due by 4:00pm on September 1, 2023!

## GENERAL NEWS

### 4-H Open House

We are hosting a 4-H Open House on September 21 at the Extension Office from 4:00-7:00 pm! This is our main recruitment event for new members, but we also welcome returning 4-H'ers to come and explore a new project. We also need clubs and groups to volunteer at this event to show off our program to the community! Let your club or group leader know if you are interested in helping us with Open House!

### 4-H Sparks Days

Sparks is about igniting passion. When youth have a passion for a subject, learning is fun. This then allows for the developing of self confidence and building on skills. Youth are able to gain skills for long term vocational success. The purpose of this competition is to highlight positive youth development in the County and to showcase our local food and producers. The goal is also to bring back many past County 4-H Events, like the Foods Review, under the banner of Sparks Day. Over time we hope this event will grow and we will add new categories each year.

Entries are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday September 14th for judging. Judging will begin Wednesday afternoon and comment cards will be provided to all entries. Youth do not have to be present during judging. Awards can be seen at the Open House, September 21.

[Jefferson County 4-H Sparks Day Guide](#)

[Individual Competition- Entry Form](#)

[Club Competition- Entry Form](#)

### 4-H Enrollment

All 4-H enrollments are completed ONLINE. All new and returning members and leaders will need to enroll online. Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> to start the enrollment process.

### Enrollment begins September 6, 2023

If you need assistance with enrolling in 4-H, please contact the Ext office. We will put you in touch with resources to help make this process as smooth as possible. The resource documents that are listed below are available under the [enrollment tab on the website](#).

#### 4-H Program Guide

4-H Program Guide found on our website: <https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/files/2023/08/Jefferson-County-4-H-Program-Guide-2023.pdf>

**4-H Dues:** 4-H members pay dues to the Jefferson County Leader's Association and Jefferson County. The Leader's Association dues are \$10 per person. However, the county still requires a \$20 fee that goes towards our programming and supplies. The Jefferson County dues are on a sliding scale. This means that families will be charged \$20 for the first child, \$15 for the second child, \$15 for the third child and \$10 for each child after that. This chart is included in the 4-H Family Guide. If there are any question about the county dues please contact the EXT office. Like last year, fees to participate in our program will come directly to the Extension Office. Your family will be sent an invoice after enrollment closes unless your club is paying all enrollment fees. Call the Extension Office if you have questions!

**New Members:** Any new families that are interested in joining Jefferson County 4-H are asked to contact the Jefferson County EXT Office at (920)674-7295 for information. There are New Family Packets available that include helpful information about enrolling in the program and all the opportunities through 4-H.

### RETURNING Member & Leader Enrollment Due November 1, 2023

#### Jefferson County 4-H Cost

Number of Children Per Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
County Dues	\$20	\$35	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90
Leaders Association Fee	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70
Total Amount Due	\$30	\$55	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160



## GENERAL NEWS

### National 4-H Week, October 1-7

We're celebrating National 4-H week with a window display contest! Your club leader will receive more information on how your club can enter and win some cool prizes while promoting 4-H to the public.

#### Guidelines:

- Have your display up by October 1 and contact the Extension Office to let us know where your club is displaying!
- Open to all clubs or projects!
- All displays must be visible for the public to see (store windows, lobby displays, etc.) for the entire week of October 1-7.
- Only 1 display per club.
- Displays will be judged on eye appeal, neatness, originality, and conveying a clear message about celebrating 4-H!
- It needs to include: contact information of Jefferson County 4-H (website or phone number), at least one 4-H clover, and the name of the club or group
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a prize!

**Submit Photos or Videos!** We are also looking for photos and/or videos to help promote the Jefferson County 4-H Program. These will be used to highlight Jefferson County 4-H on Facebook. Please send them to Katelyn ASAP.

### Pizza & Pie Fundraiser

Sale Dates: August through September 24th

Pizza & Poyer's Certificate Pick Up: Saturday November 4th

Pine Cone Pick Up Dates: October 21, October 28, November 4 and November 11 (club assignments will be released closer to pick up).

Orders Due to Extension no later than 11:59 pm on September 25th. [Submit orders here!](#)

Find more information and the fundraiser forms here: <https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/leaders-association/>

### Leaders Board

Thank you to our 2022-2023 Leaders Board for another successful 4-H year! A special thanks to those whose term has ended this year—Megan Lundy, Jeff West, Jessica Pfeifer and Roald Ager-Hart.

We welcome our new Leaders Board Members— Cindy Jaquith, Angie Greving, Heather Reu and Rachel Thom.

#### 2023-2024 Leaders Board:

Melissa Gerner, President  
Susie Schuld, Past President  
Cindy Jaquith, President Elect  
Deb Ebel, Secretary  
Becki Durkee, Treasurer  
Lisa Small, Director

Heather Reu, Director  
Angie Greving, Director  
Rachel Thom, Director

### State Livestock Judging Contest

One junior and one senior team livestock judging team were invited to compete in the State 4-H livestock judging contest on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lodi fairgrounds.

The junior livestock team members were Gracelynn Dolph, Gavin Boettcher, Keilah Reu and Haylie Reu. The team placed third overall. The team placed second in swine judging. Gracelynn Dolph placed first individually in beef judging, fifth in swine judging and fourth overall individually in the junior division. Gavin Boettcher placed 8<sup>th</sup> individually in swine judging.

The senior livestock team members were Megan Doherty, Hanna Brattlie, Gabe Mindemann, and Rylee Brattlie. The team placed sixth overall. Megan Doherty placed sixth individually in reasons.

The Jefferson County Livestock Judging teams would like to thank the following people for providing livestock for judging practice: Heather & Matt Reu, Andy & Leah Mindemann, Kerry Furlong, Hannah & Keith Schultz, Laura Monson, Kevin & Jean Doherty, Lindsay Banek & Libby Knoebel, Brad & Karen Gefvert, Megan & Cheryl Splinter, Jake & Angie Greving. A special thank you to Heather Reu for the livestock judging cookies.



## 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 info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

If you have questions about the cat project, contact Emilie Shoop at [eshoop@gmail.com](mailto:eshoop@gmail.com) or (309) 473-3083.

### 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.

We're so excited to be hosting Cloverbud meetings again this 4-H year. Registration is required! [Register here for the Cloverbud Meetings!](#) After most of the meetings, we'll send your Cloverbud home with a few more activities to extend their learning about the topic.

The total cost for the meetings is \$50 which includes 5 project meetings, take home activities and a project material kit. If you are a returning member you can use your material kit from last year and your cost would be \$40.

Cloverbud Meetings will be held at 6:00pm at the Extension Office one Monday a month during the months of October, November, January, March and May.

- October 23, 2023 - 6:00pm - EXT Office
- November 20, 2023 - 6:00pm - EXT Office
- January 22, 2024 - 6:00pm - EXT Office
- March 25, 2024 - 6:00pm - EXT Office
- May 20, 2024 - 6:00pm - Fair Park

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

### Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting is on September 25 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

### Dog Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

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

### Horse & Pony Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

If you have questions about the horse project, contact the JCHP Committee at [jchpchair@gmail.com](mailto:jchpchair@gmail.com).

### Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is September 28 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](mailto:candshorsemanship@yahoo.com)

### Livestock Project

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

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### Natural Sciences Project

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

**All 4-H members and families are welcome to attend any or all meetings, activities and events for learning and enjoyment.**

**Project meetings** Some will be specific topics others will have a broader scope that cover more than one project area. The Sept and Oct activity meetings are in conjunctions with area events and programs. At them everyone can learn and gain information from qualified presenters.

A 4-H leader may be present at some events. In those cases, contact information will be available for your participation in the event.

**September 21st** will be the **4-H Open House**, 4–7 pm at the Extension Office. **Come and explore** the different Natural Science projects you can do.

**Ask questions and learn of the project possibilities** that are called **natural sciences, adventures and environment** projects. **Get handouts** and **do an activity** relating to insects pollinators.

If you are **unable to attend** the Open House, **here are some ideas to consider.**

- Trees & Flowers - Fall is a great time to gather leaves and seeds for tree or plant ID. Take beautiful fall pictures to help show the life cycle of trees or plants.
- Start a Nature Log on seasons, birds, or animals.
- Consider an environmental question or problem.
- Enjoyment and/or management of the environment - hiking, camping, fishing, boating, bird watching, hunting.
- Attend meetings and activities, county events or programs.

# PROJECT NEWS

## October 7 & 8 the RRVGS Gem and Mineral Show offers Geology – a project possibility

- **Everyone is invited to check out the world of rocks at the Gem and Mineral Show, Saturday Oct 7, 10am to 5pm & Sunday Oct 8, 10am to 4pm at the Jefferson County Fair Park. The theme of the show is **Fluorescent Minerals**.**

The show offers a chance to learn about the geology of the earth. See minerals, gems and crystals that play an important part in our lives. Find fossils from all over the world. All these “rocks” are for viewing or purchase as specimens. There will be fun learning activities too. Try gold panning, view rock polishing, or spin the wheel to win rock specimens.

- **Take time to view the special rock collections by 4-H youth members. Maybe this is a project you would like to do too. Meetings and more information available.**

**What special activities would you like scheduled?** Do you like adventures or experiments or finding answers?

If you have questions about these projects, contact Sharon Schweitzer at 920-650-7110 or [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto:rwes@idcnet.com).

## Plants & Soils Project

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

**All 4-H members and families are welcome to attend any or all meetings, activities and events for learning and enjoyment.**

**Thursday, Sept 21 – 4-7 pm, 4-H Open House is for all 4-H members & friends at the Jefferson Co Ext Office.**

**Come to the 4-H Open House and see what you can grow.**

**Ask questions, do an activity and learn about the project possibilities.**

There will be project **examples** and some **sample activities** to **do** and **take** home. **What kind of plants, gardens, or crops would you enjoy?**

Projects can be **planting** and **growing** crops, garden vegetables or specimen flowers. Learn which house plants are easy to grow or use in creating a simple dish, fairy or farm garden. Also **drying** plant materials and using them in crafts can be a fun project activity.

**What learning activities would you like scheduled? Do you need a place to grow** vegetables or fruit crops? Or would you like to **learn** about pollinators and bees and beekeeping? **September** is a great **time to** gather seeds and seed pods, tree cones or nuts for a variety of projects. It is also time to divide perennials or plant bulbs.

Would you like to do a plant activity at your club meeting? **Let's talk** at the Open House! Or send a **text**/call or **email**, 920-650-7110 or [rwes@idcnet.com](mailto:rwes@idcnet.com) with question, comments or concerns.

## Poultry Project

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

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

## Rocketry

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year! Monthly meetings will start in January 2024. Project Leaders will be Roald Ager-Hart and Brett Hart. Please call 920-674-4963 with any questions!

## Shooting Sports

Watch for info in the 2023-2024 4-H year!

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at [jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com)

# LEADER NEWS

## Leader's Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board meeting is Thursday, September 21 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

## Leader's Association Meeting

The next Leaders Association meeting is Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. All leaders (certified volunteers) are highly encouraged and welcome to attend! Parents and youth are also welcome!

## Annual Financial Reports

All chartered 4-H Clubs and Groups that have a checking and/or savings account must complete an Annual Financial Report and submit it to the Extension Office no later than **September 1, 2023**. Failure to submit a completed Annual Financial Report and support documents by the **due date** could result in loss of tax exempt status, forfeiture of all financial assets and non-renewal of the **4-H Club or Group Charter**.

All 4-H Clubs and Groups must be chartered, be formally recognized as a committee of a chartered County 4-H Leader Organization or report directly to the 4-H Program Educator.

Requirements for a 4-H Club and chartered Groups are listed on the [Wisconsin 4-H Policies](#) webpage.

A 4-H Charter is given to a new 4-H Club or Group once all requirements are met. The successful completion of the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application begins this process. 4-H Clubs and Groups newly applying to become a 4-H Club or Group should work with their local 4-H Program Educator to determine a completion date.

4-H Charters are renewed annually and will be granted upon successful completion of the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application. The Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application deadline is **September 1, 2023** for returning 4-H Clubs and Groups



Failure to submit a completed Wisconsin 4-H Clubs & Groups Charter Application by the **due date** could result in the 4-H Club or Group being dissolved.

More information can be found on the [Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application Webpage](#).

### 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 meeting Junior Leaders meeting is on September 26 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office!

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](mailto:jakewith07@yahoo.com).

## CLUB NEWS

### Ideal Clever Clovers

#### Fundraiser Report

On Monday, July 31, the Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H Club set up a dessert stand near the bandshell of Fort Atkinson's Barrie Park. During the city band concert, 4-H club members and leaders offered attendees many different types of pies, brownies, ice cream and cookie bars to choose from. The earnings from the stand will be used to treat members to an activity or for other future uses. The stand was successful and the remaining goods were shared with the musicians after they finished their performance.

Excited, members began discussing thoughts and ideas for next year's event!

#### August Meeting Report

The Ideal Clever Clovers 4-H Club met on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson. Topics for meeting included the upcoming Pizza & Pie sale fundraiser, Record Books, electing new officers and a fun outing for members to enjoy. Members have decided to hold our next meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, at Little Amerika in Marshall with lunch and the election of 2024 club officers. We will meet at 11:00am for the meeting, lunch and then have fun after noon. Members were excited for a change in our meeting place.

- Kathleen Maloney, Reporter

### Ixonia Victory

The Ixonia Victory 4-H club met on August 7, at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. For roll call the club talked about their favorite fair activities. The club discussed helping at Ixonia Town and Country Days and the upcoming

officer elections, as well as future county activities. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

- Anna Litwiller, Reporter

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Fall Forum

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; promote to youth and adult leaders in your county! Our hope is that 4-H youth and adult leaders will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning.

This year at Fall Forum, a select group of 4-H volunteers, pioneers, financial supporters, and staff who made major contributions to the 4-H movement at the local, state, and national levels will be inducted into the [Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame](#).

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups
- Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults
- Youth 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grade
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

This is a great opportunity for a team of county/state staff, volunteers, and youth to work together and present an interactive workshop for youth and adults as well as staff from throughout Wisconsin.

### Fall Forum 2023

November 4-5, 2023

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

This year's event will include:

- An inspiring keynote address by [Tim Talen](#)
- Opportunities to participate in dozens of youth- and adult-led workshops on Saturday
- Choose your own adventure interactive activities on Saturday night
- Introductions to [Wisconsin Leadership Council Candidates](#) AND Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Laureates
- Updates from the Wisconsin Leadership Council and Wisconsin 4-H Program Leadership
- And so much more! You won't want to miss it!



2023 Fall Forum Schedule DRAFT

Registration will open in 4HOnline in September. If you are interested in seeing how Fall Forum 2022 went, check out our Fall Forum 2022 website at <https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/2022fallforum/home>.

Cost should not be a barrier to attending this program. If you would like a scholarship to cover Fall Forum fees, please contact Laura Pine, [lpine@wisc.edu](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or (608)262-1222.

### **Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest**

**We need a big flavor! Is your Wisconsin 4-H club up to the challenge?**

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have again teamed up to present the Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Creation Contest.

Wisconsin 4-H clubs are invited to collaborate to imagine a delicious new ice cream flavor, and come up with an interesting flavor name. Each club may submit up to five entries. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H clubs and members.

Five finalists will be selected from all entries received. All finalists will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream party for their 4-H club.

*One of those five finalists will be chosen as the grand prize winner.*

In addition to an ice cream party, the grand prize winner will also receive a \$500 prize for their 4-H club. Best of all, the winning flavor will be produced in summer 2024 as a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Feature Flavor for the month of July! The winning flavor will be available in parlors and ice cream scoops shops that serve Cedar Crest Ice Cream.

For more information and to enter go here: <https://cedarcresticecream.com/4H-Flavor-Contest/>

### **4-H Arts Camp Leadership Team Applications**

Arts Camp is in need of youth grades 9-12 and adult leaders to be on the Camp Leadership Team! Applications are due **September 5th**. Camp leaders will need to be available for Training Weekend September 30th-October 1st and for Arts Camp November 17th-19th. Leaders will arrive to camp a day prior to campers.

Applications can be found below:

[Youth Application](#)  
[Adult Application](#)

### **4-H Arts Camp**

4-H Arts Camp provides youth in grades 6-8 an opportunity to explore different types of art including theater, music, visual arts, dance, and photography while making new friends, developing skills, and enjoying new experiences.

This year's dates for campers are November 18th-19th at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Registration will open in September.

Contact Laura Pine with any questions at [lpine@wisc.edu](mailto:lpine@wisc.edu) or 608-262-1222

### **Art Beat!**

Art Beat! dates are March 15-17, 2024. 4-H Art Beat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Communication Arts and was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5, their parents and leaders. Art Beat! provides an opportunity for youth and their parents to experience five different art forms in a camping environment at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

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### **State Arts Teams Applications**

Applications for State Arts Teams will be coming soon! The Wisconsin 4-H Arts Teams include 4-H Drama Company and 4-H Art Team. 4-H Drama Company creates a stage performance involving acting, song and dance in the five days leading up to Summer Academy. 4-H Art Team creates artwork around the theme of Summer Academy as well as designing and organizing the Summer Academy Art Exhibit.

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## **SAVE THE DATE EVENTS**

- ◆ September 16, 2023 - Sparks Day Competition
- ◆ **October 8, 2023** - 4-H Awards Banquet

## **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!



## APPAREL FUNDRAISER!



There are variety of sizes, colors and design options, for youth and adults! A small portion of each sale will go to the Leaders Association. All orders will be delivered to the Extension Office around November 1.



Visit <https://jefferson4hbb.itemorder.com/shop> to browse & place your order by October 8, 2023.

**SHOW YOUR 4-H SPIRIT - ORDER TODAY!**

# JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H SPARKS DAY 2023

The purpose of this competition is to highlight positive youth development in Jefferson County and to showcase our local food and producers.

Entries are due to the Extension Office by Saturday, September 16 at 11am for judging. All entrants will receive educational points for entering.

Categories Include:

- Photography
- Meat/Protein Products
- Honey & Apiary Products
- Maple Syrup
- Canned Produce
- Eggstravaganza
- Foods
- Garden
- Fiber
- Explore 4-H (for Cloverbuds)
- Club Competitions

<https://jefferson.extension.wisc.edu>



## SAVE THE DATE

16  
SEPT

11:00AM

Jefferson Co. Extension Office  
864 Collins Rd | Jefferson, WI

[Individual Competition Entry Form](#)

[Club Competition Entry Form](#)

SCAN ME



### More Information

Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H Educator  
920-674-7295  
[jerry.wilcenski@wisc.edu](mailto:jerry.wilcenski@wisc.edu)



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JEFFERSON  
COUNTY 4-H

# CLOVERBUD PROJECT



**\$50**

Per Youth



**Jefferson Co.  
Extension Office**

864 Collins Road  
Jefferson, WI 53549



**Monday, Oct. 23 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Nov. 20 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Jan. 22 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, Mar. 25 | 6:00pm**  
**Monday, May 20 | 6:00pm**

Join our  
Cloverbud Project!  
We will explore  
different areas of what  
4-H has to offer!

**GRADES 5K-2**

**REGISTER NOW**

<https://forms.gle/FtvxtUVkLEAowqAj6>

Questions? 920-674-7295





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# COME EXPLORE 4-H

There will be 4-H info booths, project activity booths, enrollment help and more! Everyone is welcome - new & returning members!

**SEPT  
21**

**4:00PM-7  
:00PM**

**JEFFERSON CO.  
EXTENSION OFFICE  
864 COLLINS RD  
JEFFERSON, WI**

## WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is a positive youth development organization that reaches youth through a network of clubs and projects for youth ages 5K-13th grade (one year out of high school).

Projects and club experience provide hands-on learning experience in the life skills of: cooperation, leadership, and decision making.

**Contact Jefferson County 4-H for more information at 920-674-7295**





# JEFFERSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

## SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Want a chance to win some amazing prizes? Enter our Sweepstakes Raffle today!

*Winner Need Not be Present to Win*

- 1st Prize | 1/4 Processed Beef
- 2nd Prize | (1) Whole Processed Hog
- 3rd Prize | (4) Men's Badger Basketball Tickets
- 4th Prize | \$250 Visa Gift Card
- 5th Prize | (4) Processed Whole Chickens
- 6th Prize | \$75 Northern Trails Gift Certificate
- 7th Prize | Jones Dairy Product Basket



**SEPT. 12**  
**7:00pm**



**Jefferson Co.**  
**Extension Office**



**SUGGESTED DONATION | \$10/TICKET**

*No Purchase Necessary to Enter - 1 Free Ticket Upon Request*

**Make Check Payable to Meat Animal Project**

**All Proceeds to Benefit  
Jefferson County 4-H  
Livestock Youth**

Questions? Contact the Extension Office at 920-674-7295



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**Livestock Committee**



# Legendary Learning Nights

**Education, Stewardship, And Family Fun  
Free to the public**

**Korth Park Pavilion  
W8390 Korth Lane, Lake Mills, WI**

• **Wednesday, July 6 (rescheduled) @ 6:00–7:00 pm:**

**"Your Bat Neighbors" with WiDNR's Jennifer Redell**

• **Wednesday July 26 @ 6:00–7:00 pm:**

**"Birds of Jefferson County" with Madison Audubon's Drew Harry**

• **Wednesday August 30 @ 6:00–7:00 pm:**

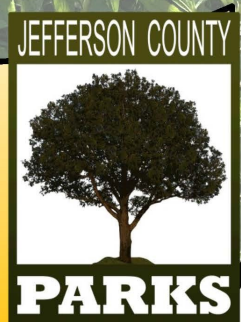
**"Dragon Flies and Citizen Science" with Dr. Robert Bohanan**

**Join us and learn about the natural world in and around  
Rock Lake and Southern Wisconsin.**



**Sponsored by:**

**Rock Lake Improvement Association in  
partnership with Jefferson County Parks  
Department**







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# EL "BREAK" INFO-LECHERO

*Spanish Webinar celebrating the National Hispanic Heritage Month*



**Carolina Pinzón MS.**  
Dairy Outreach  
Specialist  
UW-Madison Extension

**Sept 20:** *Key factors in milk quality improvement programs*



**Juan M. Piñeiro, DVM,  
MS, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor and  
Extension Dairy  
Specialist - Texas A&M  
Agrilife Extension

**Sept 27:** *The importance of colostrum management*



**Gustavo Schuenemann  
DVM, MS, Ph.D.**  
Professor Dairy Cattle  
Health and Management,  
Veterinary Extension  
Specialist - Ohio State  
University Extension

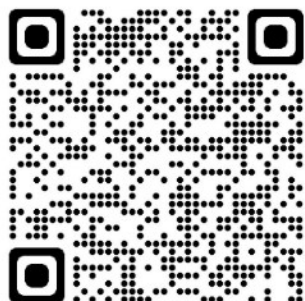
**Oct 4:** *Hydration and pain control in fresh cows and pre-weaning calves*



**Adrián Barragán  
DVM, MS, Ph.D.**  
Associate Research  
Professor  
Extension Veterinarian  
PennState University  
Extension

**Oct 11:** *Reproductive management in dairy cows: Synchronization protocols are not everything*

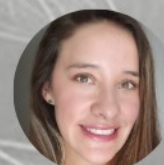
SCAN ME



**Time: 12pm  
CST**

**Register now**

For more information please contact  
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**Se habla español**





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Deb Ebel, Secretary	Jefferson Boosters	715-563-2986
Becki Durkee, Treasurer	Lake Ripley	608-444-4509
Angie Greving, Director	Farmington All Stars	608-295-4959
Heather Reu, Director	Stone School	262-812-3236
Lisa Small, Director	Ixonia Victory	920-285-7204
Rachel Thom, Director	Country Roots	920-728-5144
Youth Director—vacant		

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Dairy	Bill Uecker	920-285-9125
Dogs	Kate Anderson	920-728-3614
Foods	Monica Gerner	920-723-2663
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