

Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

May 2024

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2024 Summer Academy

Summer Academy is the Positive Youth Development Institute's signature career, leadership, & college readiness conference hosted at UW-Madison. The event focuses on preparing young people (grades 8-11) for higher education in a way that complements formal education prep programs. Summer Academy offers an immersive college experience; participants will experience life in a residence hall, explore campus, and enjoy the unique elements of higher ed that only Madison can offer.

This year's theme is Charge your Sparks; Summer Academy is committed to helping youth discover their passions by providing the inspiration and charge to keep their battery full! Participants will take a deep dive into a college and/or career focus of their choice through tracks offered by both UW-Madison and Madison College, and will have many opportunities to network with faculty, students, recent graduates, and peers from across the state.

A sampling of this year's SPARK tracks include: Baking & Decorating, Civic Engagement, Agriculture & Animal Science, Climate Science & Ecosystem Resilience, Biological Sciences, Automotive, Trades, Diesel/Ag Equipment Technician, Arts, Health

Find a comprehensive list of track options and descriptions HERE.

Participants will have the opportunity to paddle on Lake Mendota, hike urban trails around Madison, and visit a historic downtown theater to watch our beloved Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company perform. We are excited and proud to welcome Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council youth leaders as facilitators and hosts of our event.

The registration fee covers all lodging, meals, track participation, and in-town travel during the event. Statewide bussing to and from the event will be offered for an additional fee.

For more information, please visit <u>go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy</u> ... We can't wait to see you in Madison!



May 2024 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
May 2	6:30pm	Poultry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 4	9:00am-4:00pm	Dairy Project Learning Day	Fair Park
May 5	4:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—trap, .22 rifle, air rifle, air pistol	Watertown Conservation Club
May 6	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—3D archery, .22 pistol, muzzleloader	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 6	5:15pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 6	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 6	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 6	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 7	6:00pm	Cat Project Meeting	Fair Park
May 7	6:30pm	Rabbit Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 7	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension Office
May 9	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 12	4:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—trap, .22 rifle, air rifle, air pistol	Watertown Conservation Club
May 13	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—3D archery, .22 pistol, muzzleloader	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 13	5:15pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 13	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 13	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 13	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
May 16	6:30pm	Leaders Association Meeting	Extension Office
May 19	9:00am-3:15pm	Livestock Project Learning Day	Fair Park
May 19	4:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—trap, .22 rifle, air rifle, air pistol	Watertown Conservation Club
May 20	5:00pm	Outdoor Shooting Sports—3D archery, .22 pistol, muzzleloader	Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club
May 20	5:15pm	JCHP Drill Team	Fair Park
May 20	6:00pm	Cloverbud Project Meeting	Fair Park
May 20	6:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: New Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 20	6:30pm	JCHP Monday Night Lessons	Fair Park
May 20	7:00pm	Dog Project Meeting: Returning Youth & Dogs	Fair Park
May 21	7:00pm	Goat Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 21	7:00pm	JCHP Countywide Meeting	Fair Park
May 23	6:30pm	Rocketry Project Meeting	Extension Office
May 27		JCHP May Show	Fair Park
May 27		Extension Office Closed	
May 28	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension Office

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 next Cat Project meeting of the year will be held on May 7 at 6:00pm at the Fair Park

Meetings will be held:

- May 7 6:00pm Fair Park
- June 11 6:00pm Fair Park

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

Cloverbud Project

The last Cloverbud Project Meeting of the year will be held on May 20 at 6:00pm at the Fair Park. At this meeting youth will learn about animal projects we offer in 4-H and there will be a petting zoo.

Cloverbuds who have not participated in the project this year are more than welcome to sign up. The fee for this project meeting is \$10. You can sign up here: https://forms.gle/U1pT4mMcyipsTdcs5

Dairy Project

The next Dairy Committee Meeting will be held on April 29 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Emil's Pizza Pickup: Friday, May 3 (time TBD) and Saturday, May 4 during Project Learning Day.

Dairy Project Learning Day: This will take place on Saturday, May 4 at the Fair Park from 8:00am-4:00pm. Join the Jefferson County 4-H Dairy Committee for Dairy Project Learning Day. Engage in hands-on activities designed to ready your dairy project for show day. Professionals from the dairy industry will be available to guide youth during the event.

Who Can Attend:

4-H/FFA/Breed

Association Dairy Project youth of all experience levels participants will be grouped according to skill level. Open to dairy youth located in Dane, Dodge,

Columbia, Jefferson, Rock, and Waukesha Counties. Parents/leaders may accompany students during the workshop.

Planning for the event:

Youth will have the opportunity to practice fitting and showmanship techniques. Animals will be provided.

8:00 - 9:00 AM --- Registration

9:00 - 10:00 AM --- Feeding your heifer for the best show day look. Have you ever wondered what you should be feeding your heifer at the fair and on show day? We will literally dive into different kinds of feeds with our hands to get a better understanding.

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Clipping. It's time to buzz off that winter hair and see what our animals look like under all that

fuzz.

12:30 - to 1:00 PM - Lunch will be provided 1:00 - to 3:30 PM - Rotation of Sessions

- Final Touches before you hit the ring: Learn what sprays to use to dial in your calf before she hits the ring
- Showmanship: Time to brush up on your showing skills.
- Parts of a cow: Learn the parts of cow in a fun new way!
 3:30 to 4:00 PM Q/A and Raffle prizes (ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL WILL BE THE LUCKY WINNER OF CLIPPERS)

What To Bring:

Clippers and fitting supplies (extra equipment will be available)

Proper footwear for working with animals

Registration:

No entry fees to attend (pre-registration required)
Registration is due by 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th.
REGISTER HERE!

Please reach out to Jefferson County Dairy Youth Committee, Zach Tolzman 608.642.1400 or Bill Uecker at 920.285.9125 with any questions, thank you!

Dairy Cattle Judging: If any youth is interested in Dairy Cattle Judging please contact Katelyn Allen kallen516@gmail.com or Mark Lundy markslundy@hotmail.com

Mandatory Dairy Meeting: This meeting is set for June 25 at 6:30pm at the Fair Park for all project members that are planning to show Dairy at the 2024 Jefferson County Fair.

Dog Project

The upcoming Dog Project Meetings in March are as follow: New Members/Dogs - 6pm - May 6, 13, 20 Returning Members/Dogs - 7pm - May 6, 13, 20

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 Committee Meeting is on May 7 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

The next JCHP Countywide Meeting is on May 21 at 7:00pm at the Fair Park.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Poster/Speech competition in March, and the vaccine clinic in April!

T-Shirt Design Contest: JCHP is hosting a T-Shirt Design Contest for fair! Information will be discussed at April Countywide meeting, followed by information sent out in an email and on Facebook!

PROJECT NEWS

Drill Team: Drill team signup has been emailed! If you are interested in experiencing the thrill of drill, make sure to sign up! First practice will be May 6 at 5:15pm at the Fair Park UNMOUNTED! Sign Up and more info can be found here!

Monday Night Lessons: Monday Night Lessons are also starting May 6 at 6:30pm at the Fair Park. The first one is UNMOUNTED to discuss rules, riding etiquette, biosecurity, and announcing instructors.

JCHP Memorial Day Show: Our Memorial Day show is coming up! Make sure to register early and also finding a way to volunteer. This is a fundraiser for our project that benefits all of us, so it's important to pitch in where you can!

JCHP Committee Opportunities: We are still have an open spot on the board (both youth and adult) as a secretary! This term will be finishing up the year (until August). If you are interested, please email jchchair@gmail.com

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



Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting is May 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

Livestock Project

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

Livestock Judging: Attention 4-H members that are interested in learning and participating in livestock judging at the Area Animal Science Days on June 20, 2024. If you are interested in participating in livestock judging, you can contact Ed Bielinski at wisaged@yahoo.com for more details about the contest.

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 2—6:30pm—Poultry Project Meeting—EXT
- May 7—6:30pm—Rabbit Project Meeting—EXT
- May 19—Join us for a fun-filled hands on learning opportunity presented by the Jefferson County Livestock Committee at Livestock Project Learning Day which will be held at the Jefferson County Fair Park from 9:00am-3:15pm. It will be a full day of sessions whether you are brand new or experience. We look forward to seeing you there. Sign up here!

May 21—7:00pm—Goat Project Meeting—EXT

Natural Sciences Project

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

Call or email, 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com with question, comments or concerns.

Plants & Soils Project

Plant and Soils Projects include these project areas – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, House plants and Plant Crafts.

Call or email, 920-650-7110 or rwses@idcnet.com with question, comments or concerns.

Rocketry

The next Rocketry Project meetings are May 9 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Youth must be able to safely use an X-acto type knife or be accompanied by an adult who can assist them. In addition to making rockets from kits, youth will have the opportunity to make rockets from scratch.

Project Leaders will be Roald Ager-Hart and Brett Hart. Please call 920-674-4963 with any questions!

Shooting Sports

Trap, .22 rifle, air rifle and air pistol will be held on Sundays at the Watertown Conservation Club. Trap and Air Rifle will begin at 4:00pm—.22 rifle will follow trap and air pistol will follow air rifle around 5:00pm. Meetings in May will be held on: May 5, 19.

Muzzleloader, .22 pistol and 3D archery will be held on Mondays at 5:00pm at the Oconomowoc Sportsman's Club. Meetings in May will be held on: May 6, 13, 20.

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, June 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. <u>Leaders Board Nomination Form</u> 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 16 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. 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

Watch for more details 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

Farmington All Stars

The Farmington All-Stars met Friday night April 6 at the Farmington Town Hall for a pizza party, blanket-tying service activity and a mini project night. On the list of activities members could explore were sewing pillowcases, painting, Mason jar luminaries and a trapping and skinning demonstration.

- Michael Wilson, Reporter

Ixonia Victory

At Ixonia Victory's March meeting we came early to fill many colorful Easter eggs for the Ixonia Easter Egg Hunt. After we filled the eggs the meeting was called to order on Monday the 4th. We are in our last month of collecting orders for our spring flower fundraiser and orders are due at the April meeting. During the meeting we talked about making Honor Flight Cards for veterans on the flight and bringing things to create birthday bags for the Watertown Food Pantry. Members can bring cake mix, frosting, candles, cupcake liners, and sprinkles to donate.

so all of our club member can check out what we have been

At the Ixonia Victory April 4-H meeting on Monday the first, members brought cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, etc. to make birthday bags for the Watertown Food Pantry. Some volunteers from the club talked about what they did to help out at the Ixonia Easter Egg Hunt. All families participating in the spring flower fundraiser turned in all of their orders and will pick up their flowers at the next meeting. Our club going to host a tour of our

families' fair livestock projects



growing. At our next meeting we will be making cards for veterans who take the Honor Flight.

- Addison Strobel, Reporter

Lake Ripley

The Lake Ripley 4-H Club March meeting was held on Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amundson Center in Cambridge. Members talked about what they did at the roller skating outing for the March activity. Members voted on club T-shirt designs and orders will be placed online. Members agreed to do the hanging basket fundraiser through Jelli's Market. For the member activity, members made dog chew toys for the Jefferson County Humane Society. Members brought along items from the Humane Society's wish list.

On April 14, members and their families dropped off the wish list items to the Humane Society, got to tour the facility, and meet the animals up for adoption.

Pictures are of the members with donated items for the Jefferson County Humane Society at the club meeting, and the members who dropped them off at the humane society.

- Scott Mehringer, Reporter



Lucky Clovers

Our last 4 H meeting was held at the Watertown Public Library. We had a woodworking and woodturning presentation by Nain, Jael and Jairo Palacios. We learned about how doing these things at a young age in 4H can turn into a lifelong hobby or even a future career. Information was handed out on the 4H woodworking project so that interested youth can sign up

- Jael Palacios, Reporter





4-H CAMP

Jefferson County 4-H Members—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 come to camp. Not in 4-H? No problem, we welcome all youth!

- Grades 3-5 July 24-27, 2024
- Grades 6-8 July 27-30, 2024

Dane County 4-H Member - \$220, General Camp Rate - \$270

Deadline is June 3, 2024 or when camp fills.

Reach out if you have any questions 4Hinfo@countyofdane.com.
The Dane County 4-H Camp Committee

STATEWIDE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Multi-State "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" 4-H Photo Contest

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer another multistate photography contest open to youth in grades K-13!

Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to two sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: 4-H Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest | UMN Extension with rules available here.

Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to fourhphoto@umn.edu by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift.

Register at: https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest

Questions? Email fourhphoto@umn.edu.

Dairy Day at the MOOseum

The Hoard Historical Museum, 401 Whitewater Ave., Fort Atkinson, is holding a wooden cow-decorating contest in conjunction with Dairy Day at the MOOseum on Saturday, June 15.

The contest is open to groups, including 4-H clubs and

families, or to individuals.

The public can participate in a penny vote to select a popular choice winner. Other prizes will be awarded based on merit. There is a fee for the wooden cow form. People who submitted a cow in a past year can re-decorate their form and submit it this year at a reduced fee.

For more information and complete rules, visit the museum's website at www.hoardmuseum.org or call 920-397-9914.

Dairy Day at the MOOseum features a cow parade of the seven breeds of milking cows, games, educational activities, a calf-naming contest, food, and seven varieties of ice cream float flavors that represent the seven breeds of milking cows. The event is from 11 to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15. The cow parade is at 1:30 p.m.

The event is free to the public.





Volunteer at Dairy Day at the MOOseum

Jefferson County Dairy Promotion Committee are seeking volunteers for Saturday, June 15th, For "Moo Days" at the Hoard Museum.

We are asking if anyone would consider volunteering for some of the activities such as handing out balloons and games. If you can volunteer call 262.582.3020 or email Sue marx@yahoo.com.

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. Sign up for updates here! This ensures that you will receive the most up-to-date information on the 2024 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



DIRECTORY

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Name	Club	Phone
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Susie Schuld, Past President	Twin Rivers	920-988-8166
Cindy Jaquith, President Elect	Stone School	920-723-9517
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
Karen Gefvert, Director	Rock River Clovers	608-617-2772

Countywide Project Leaders

Project	Name	Phone
Cats	Emilie Shoop	309-473-3083
Clothing	Kimberly Kreger	920-723-1191
Dairy	Zach Tolzman	
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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