



Jefferson County 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Project Learning Day

Join us for Project Learning Day on Saturday, November 8 at Rockwell Elementary School in Fort Atkinson. We have many different classes that youth can attend on a variety of projects! There are classes for all ages. Registration is due by November 3, 2025! Sessions are slated on a first come first serve basis. Some classes are limited to a certain number of participants. Please get your form in soon to ensure your class has a spot! **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/8joPaW4XgVJFsfFG7>

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 is now open!**

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 Dues

4-H members pay dues to the Jefferson County Leader's Association and Jefferson County for programming and supplies. The Leader's Association dues are \$10 per youth. The Jefferson County dues are \$20 per youth. **NEW this year** - there no longer will be a sliding scale for families. All youth members will cost a flat fee. This change was made in order to add the option of online payment—coming soon! Cash or check are still acceptable forms of payment. If there are any question about the dues, please contact the Extension Office.

**RETURNING Member & Leader Enrollment
Due November 1, 2025**

November 2025 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
November 1		4-H Reenrollment Due	
November 4	6:00pm	Rabbit Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension
November 4	7:00pm	Poultry Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension
November 5	7:00pm	Horse Committee Meeting	Extension
November 6	6:30pm	Goat Project Kick-Off Meeting	Extension
November 7		Livestock Sparks Day Meat Judging—Drop off by 4:00pm	Extension
November 8		4-H Project Learning Day	Rockwell Elementary School, Fort Atkinson
November 11	7:00pm	Livestock Committee Meeting	Extension
November 15		Newsletter Items Due to Katelyn	
November 16	6:00pm	Cloverbud Project Meeting	Extension
November 18	7:00pm	Horse & Pony Countywide Project Meeting	Fair Park
November 20	6:30pm	Leaders Board Meeting	Extension
November 24	7:00pm	Dairy Committee Meeting	Extension
November 25	6:00pm	Lego Project Meeting	Extension
November 27		Happy Thanksgiving—Extension Office Closed	
November 28		Extension Office Closed	



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)

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. After most of the meetings, we'll send your Cloverbud home with a few more activities to extend their learning about the topic. Registration is required—<https://forms.gle/EePUV9hkXjMual5s8>

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.

- Monday, October 20 - 6:00pm— Extension Office
- Monday, November 17— 6:00pm— Extension Office
- Monday, January 19 - 6:00pm— Extension Office
- Monday, March 16 - 6:00pm— Extension Office
- Monday, May 18 - 6:00pm— Fair Park

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

Dairy Project

During the October meeting, members present discussed ideas for the new Dairy Youth Showcase (formerly Dairy Youth Auction/Celebration). Changes to the Bylaws and Dairy Youth Point Card were reviewed. The topics for upcoming educational meetings were discussed and Careers in Dairy was a suggested theme. Any thoughts on possible speakers would be appreciated!

Looking for an easy gift that helps out the Jefferson County Dairy Youth? Kwik Trip gift cards will be sold as a fundraiser prior to the holidays. Order forms will be emailed to members and must be returned along with the money to the Extension Office by Monday, December 1st.

The next Dairy Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 24th at 7 pm at the Extension Office. All dairy youth and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions or ideas please reach out to Tracy Brandel mtbrandel@gmail.com or Ashley Schlender ashleyschlender@gmail.com.

Dog Project

Watch for info in the 2025-2026 4-H year!

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

Horse Project

JCHP Point Card Clinic-November 1 & 2. Congrats to our top point earners from 2024/2025! Our top 12 earners have won a Daniel Stewart clinic. All other JCHP members are able to audit for no extra cost!

Fall Harvest Show-November 16th. Don't pack away the trailer just yet! Join us for our final show of the year, a fun harvest show! \$50 all you can ride, or \$20 for all unmounted! Showbill can be found on the JCHP Facebook.

Stay tuned for our announcement on this years' Point Card incentive!

Lego Project

The next Lego Project Meeting will be held on November 25 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

If you have questions about the Lego project, contact Charles Johnson crjohnson.51510@gmail.com or 920-342-9783.

Livestock Project

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

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on November 11 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 4—Rabbit Kick-Off Meeting—6pm—EXT
- November 4—Poultry Kick-Off Meeting—7pm—EXT
- November 6—Goat Kick-Off Meeting—6:30pm—EXT
- November 7—Spark Days Meats Judging—drop off at EXT by 4pm.

Natural Science Project

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

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

What special activities would you like to do? Do you like adventures or experiments to answers questions? Would you like to have an activity at your club meeting?

Here is a list of project ideas to Consider.

- Trees & Flowers - 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.
- Leaves are changing colors, birds are migrating, animals making dens for winter
- Consider an environmental question or problem.
- Climate changes, pollution, water quality or others

- Enjoyment and/or management of the environment - hiking, camping, fishing, boating, bird watching, hunting.

November 8th--Project Day-- Decorate A Gift Bag Activity
This is the November Activity for Natural Sciences. It will cover and share a brief ID of trees.

The Hands on Activity will be Decorating a Gift Bag with natural tree materials. The natural materials will be from deciduous and evergreen (conifers) trees.

If you have questions about the Natural Science project, contact Sharon at 920-650-7110 or rwes@idcnet.com.

Plant & Soil Science Project

Include these project areas – Crops, Vegetables, Flowers, House Plants and Plant Crafts

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

There are many project possibilities. *Ask for a Hands-on Activity for your club meeting activity.*

November 8th --Project Day-- Plant Craft Activity
This activity will be the Plant & Soils meeting Activity for November. It will give one way to enjoy plants.

The Hands on Activity will be creating an arrangement or center piece using artificial and/or natural materials. Dried seed stems or pods and greens will be part of the natural materials.

Text 920-650-7110 or email, rwes@idcnet.com with question, comments or concerns.

Shooting Sports

Watch for info in the 2025-2026 4-H year!

If you have questions about the shooting sports project, contact David Saxby at jeffersonwi4hshootingports@gmail.com

LEADER NEWS

Leaders Board Meeting

The next Leader's Board Meeting is on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

Leaders Association Meeting

The next Leader's Association Meeting is on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm at the Extension Office.

OLDER MEMBERS

Junior Leaders

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—None for this month.

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!

4-H Food Stand at the Fair Park

Our next volunteer opportunities for the 4-H food stand at the Jefferson County Fair Park are listed below. Please consider volunteering and sign up for one of the following dates:

- November 29 | [Sign Up Here!](#)
- December 6 & 7 for a Gun Show - [Sign up here!](#)
- December 13 & 14 for a Dog Show - [Sign up here!](#)
- February 28 & March 1 for a Dog Show - [Sign up here!](#)
- March 7 & 8 for a Rabbit Show - [Sign up here!](#)

4-H State Project Guide

A 4-H project is an area you want to learn more about during the year. There are projects on just about any topic you would like to study and explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from sewing to mechanical science.

So how do you know what projects are available to you? This resource lists all the possible projects that 4-H offers, with a table of contents list on the first two pages and more detail in the pages that follow. In addition, your club organizational leader or county-based educator can tell you what projects and resources are available in your county.

For the upcoming 2025-2026 4-H year, use these guides:

- [Full 4-H Project Guide](#)
- [4-H Project Guide Quick Version](#)

SPARKS MEAT JUDGING



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ENTRIES DUE NOV 7TH

DROP OFF BETWEEN

9:00AM-4:00PM

JEFFERSON CO. EXTENSION OFFICE

864 COLLINS ROAD

JEFFERSON, WI 53549

To enter include a notecard with: Name, Grade, Club and Breed*
*if applicable

WHAT TO ENTER

- Poultry and Rabbits: Whole animals
- Pork: Chops, ham steak/slice, bacon
- Lamb: chops or leg slice
- Goats: chops or leg slice
- Beef: T-bone or Ribeye steaks
- Eggs: Any Dozen, clean

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

4-H AWARDS BANQUET



DIRECTORY

Leader's Association Board

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