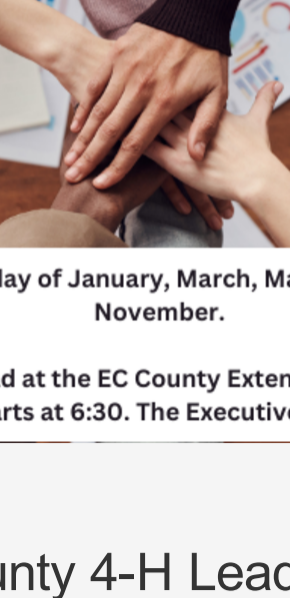




Eau Claire County 4-H



July 18, 2023

EC County 4-H Leaders Association Meetings

Held the second Tuesday of January, March, May, June, September, and November.

All meetings are held at the EC County Extension office in Altoona. Leaders meeting starts at 6:30. The Executive Board meets at 6:00.

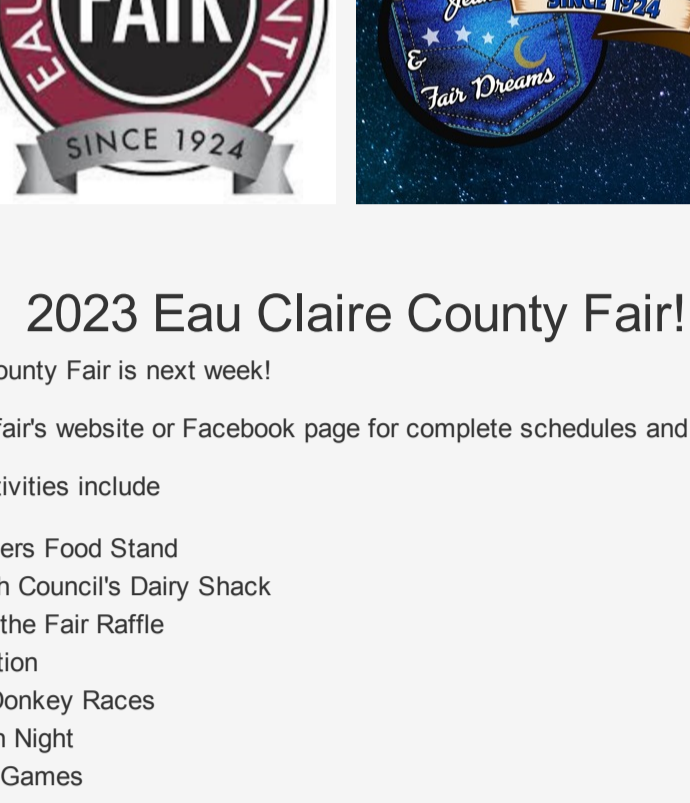
Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders Association

The next meeting will be September 12 at the Eau Claire County Extension Office at 227 1st Street W, Altoona. The meeting begins at 6:30, with the Executive Committee meeting at 6:00.

Please join us for a conversation regarding how we grow Eau Claire County 4-H. Youth and adults are invited to hear about our enrollment numbers and new types of clubs that will be coming to EC County. We want you to be part of the conversation! We will also be approving next year's budget and forming the nominating committee for next year's leadership team. Please join us.

All meeting information for this year can be found in this Google folder.

Leaders Association Google Folder



Annual Financial Report Work Night

Do you have questions about the Annual Financial Report? Come to the work night and get them answered. This is meant for club or group leaders and/or treasurers and for those who have checkbook authorization. Don't wait until the last minute to work on this document! There will be snacks and a short presentation and then time to work and ask questions.

Americorps Position Available with Eau Claire County 4-H

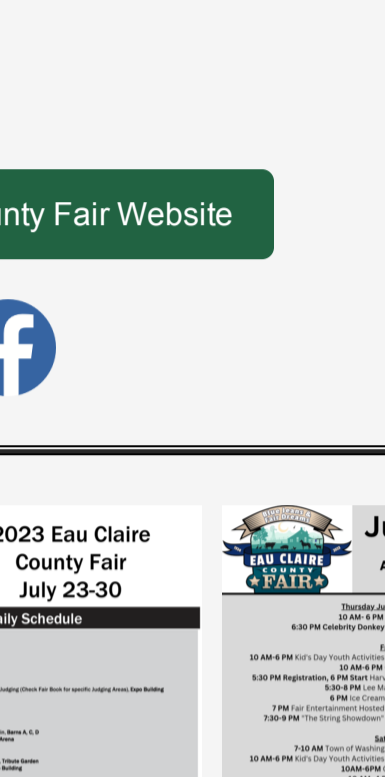
Serve your community from Sep 1, 2023 through Aug 1, 2024. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. You get a \$15,000 living allowance (bi-weekly) plus a Seagull education grant of \$4,800 when you complete the required hours.

You'll work with youth & families to create new opportunities for youth development in the Latino community. You'll gain skills and grow professionally.

Please contact Rachel Hart-Brinson at 608-572-3656 or rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu for more information or to express interest.

Please send your resume and cover letter expressing interest to rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu. Your cover letter should include why you are interested in the position, your experience working with Spanish-speaking families, your experience working with young people, and your personal strengths.

Applications received by July 17 will receive first priority.



2023 Eau Claire County Fair!

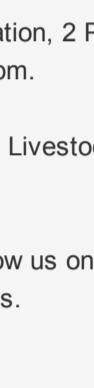
The Eau Claire County Fair is next week!

Please go to the fair's website or Facebook page for complete schedules and activities.

These special activities include

- Adult Leaders Food Stand
- Older Youth Council's Dairy Shack
- Friends of the Fair Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Celebrity Donkey Races
- Family Fun Night
- Fairly Fun Games
- Fair Olympics
- Fair Entertainment

Eau Claire County Fair Website



Activity	Time	Location
Adult Leaders Food Stand	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Older Youth Council's Dairy Shack	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Friends of the Fair Raffle	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Silent Auction	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Celebrity Donkey Races	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Family Fun Night	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Fairly Fun Games	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Fair Olympics	10am-5pm	Expo Building
Fair Entertainment	10am-5pm	Expo Building

2023 EC County Fair Important Dates & Times

There's so much going on at the 2023 Eau Claire County Fair! Please see the schedules above. Here are some important dates & times.

Sunday, July 23

Fair set up: Expo building and barns

10am-5pm

All families are asked to come help set up. Livestock exhibitors are required to sign up for a set up shift.

Monday, July 24

Expo project drop off, 2-8 PM

No judging will take place during drop off.

Sign ups will be available for all conference judging and face to face judging.

All sign ups will be in person, NOT sign up genius this year.

The expo kitchen food stand will be open from 2-8 and hosted by the Livestock Project.

Tuesday, July 25

Face to face and conference judging 4-8 pm

Conference Judging Departments:

Aerospace, Cake Decorating, Modular Construction, & Scale Models

Crocheting, Family Living, Home Furnishing, Knitting, Quilting, & Robotics

Natural Science & Photography Classes with Asterisk*

Face-to-Face Judging Departments:

Clothing, Computers, Demonstrations, Music, & Youth Leadership

Thursday, July 27

Youth Development (Cloverbud & Exploring) Face to Face Judging, 8:30 am

All youth development exhibitors need to contact Andy Heren at the Extension Office to schedule your judging time, 715-839-4712.

Sunday, July 30

Awards ceremony and tribute garden dedication, 2 PM.

Project pick up and animal release, 4pm-6 pm.

Fair clean up, 4 pm

All families are asked to help with clean up. Livestock exhibitors are required to sign up for a clean up shift.

Please email eauclairefair@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook and Instagram-Eau Claire County Fair, or call 715-828-5199 with any questions.

Cheers to a great fair!

Meg Mueller

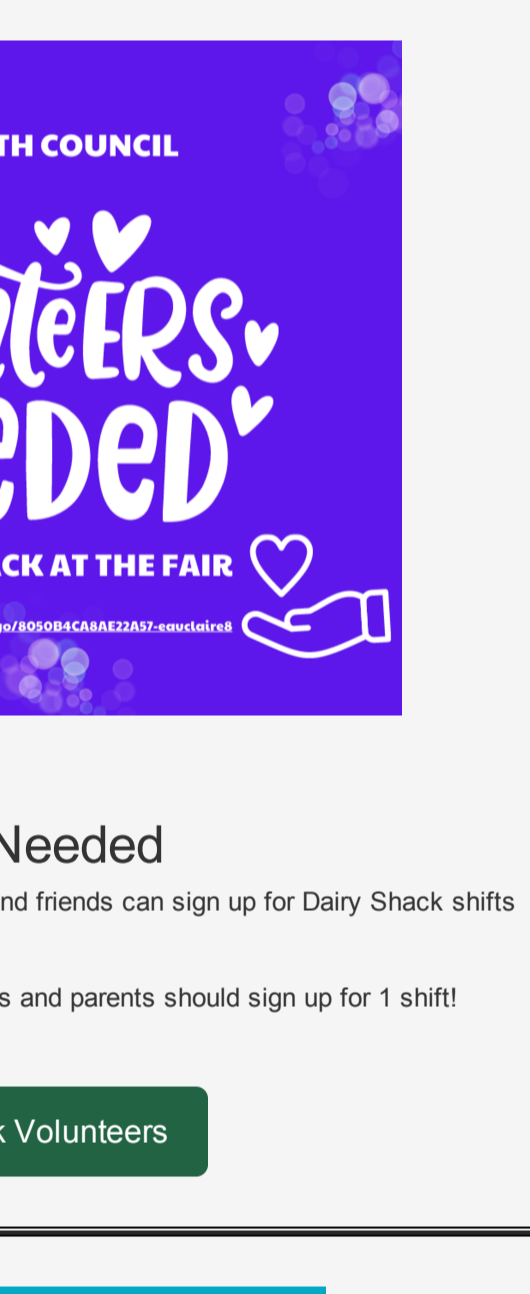
Eau Claire County Fair Coordinator

4-H Day at the Eau Claire County Fair

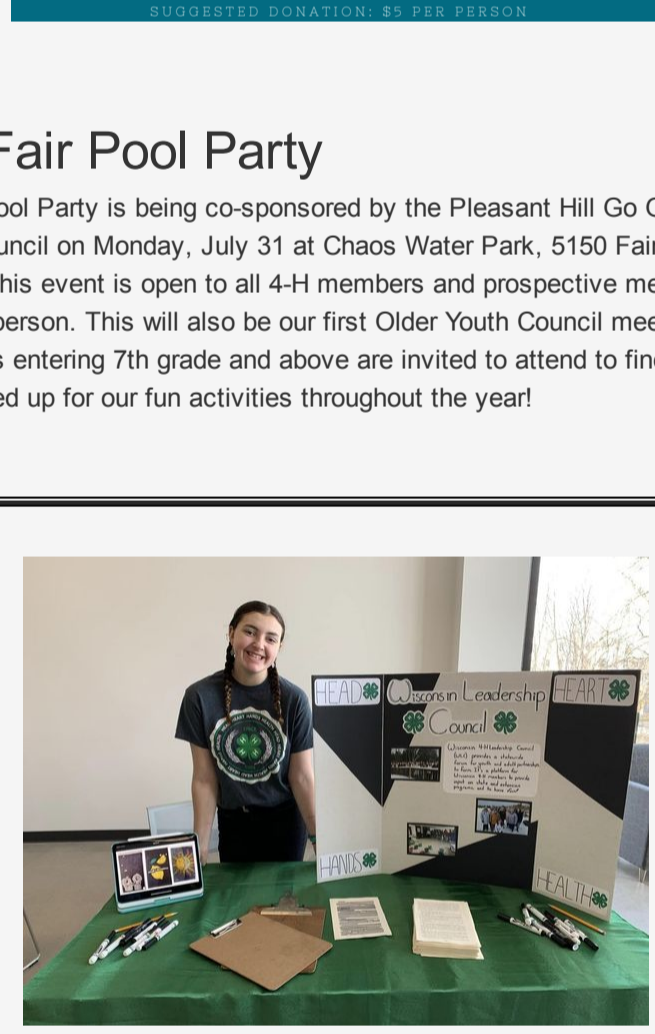
Please sign up to staff a project table to promote 4-H and practice your Youth Leadership. Adults are welcome to sign up, too!

This is our opportunity to showcase the awesome program that 4-H is.

Let Rachel know if you have project table suggestions.

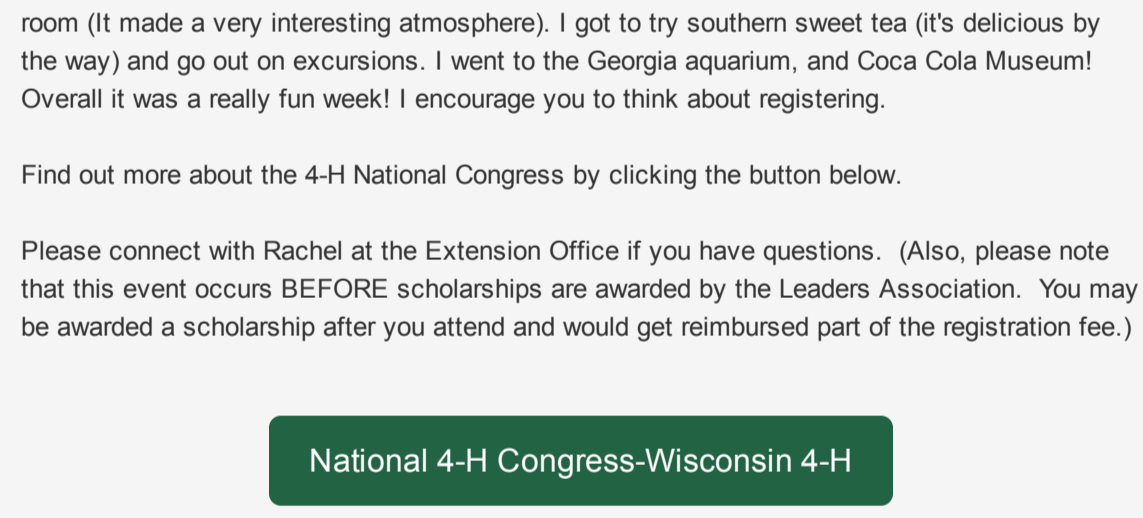


4-H Day at the Fair Sign-Up



Eau Claire County Fair Olympics

This year's Eau Claire County Fair Olympics will be held Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Horse Arena. Prizes will be awarded to participants and the club with the most members participating will receive a pizza party for their club.



Fair Entertainment

This year's Fair Entertainment is Friday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Ice Cream Eating Contest in the Entertainment Tent. Have your club plan a song or lip sync or talent to share. Email

Jodi Thesing-Ritter at jthesing@uwex.edu to let us know if your club is planning to participate. The winning club will receive an ice cream social.

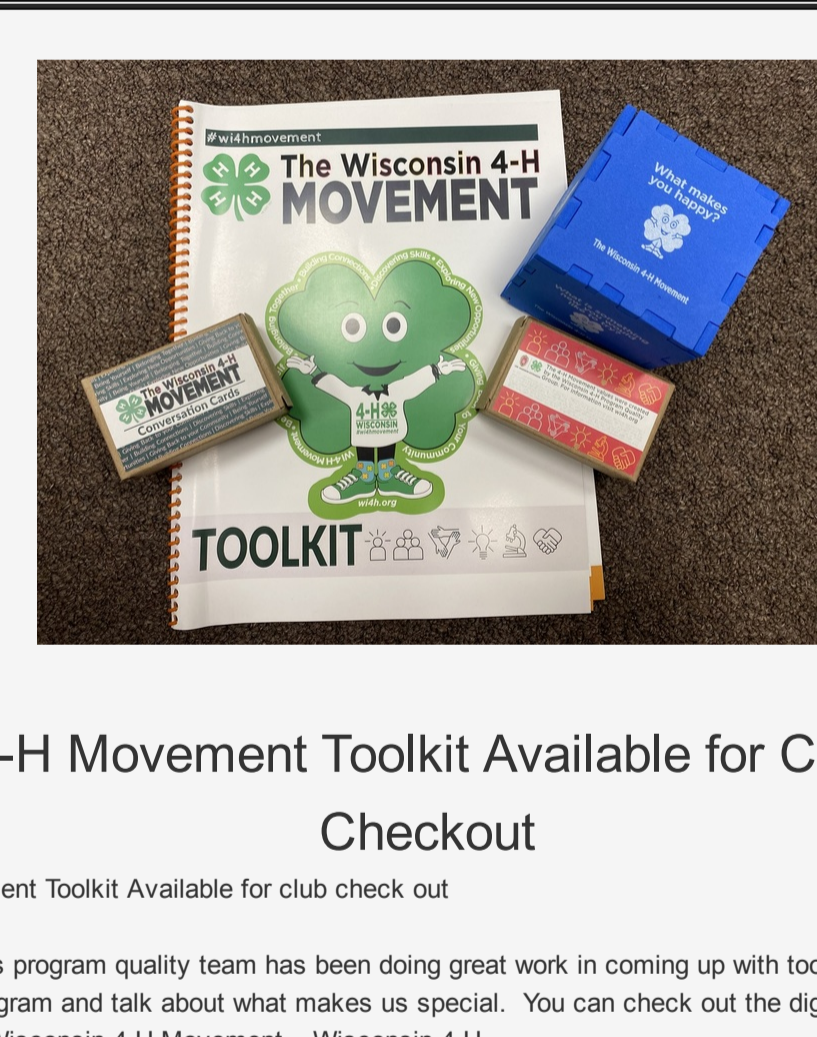
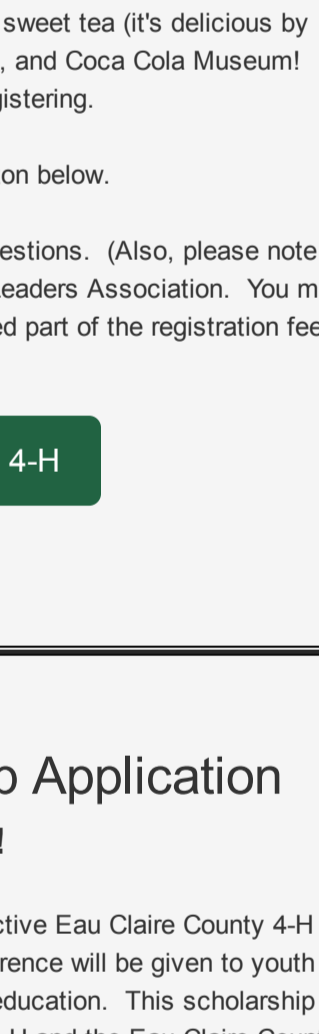
Fairly Fun Games

An Eau Claire County Fair tradition, the Fairly Fun Games will be held on Sunday July 30 at noon on the lawn near the Dairy Shack. Club members will have the opportunity to participate in fun games to help celebrate a great week at the Eau Claire County Fair. Prizes will be given to all participants.

Pies Needed for the Fair

The Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders Association asks that all families donate one fruit pie to the Adult Leaders Food Stand at the fair. Due to health Department guidelines, they need to be store bought pies.

You can bring your pies to the indoor Adult Leaders Food Stand at the Fair.



Dairy Shack Volunteers Needed

Older Youth Council members, parents, alumni and friends can sign up for Dairy Shack shifts using the button below.

Current OYC members should sign up for 3 shifts and parents should sign up for 1 shift!

Dairy Shack Volunteers



After the Fair Pool Party

An After the Fair Pool Party is being co-sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Go Getters 4-H Club and the Older Youth Council on Monday, July 31 at Chaos Water Park, 5150 Fairview Avenue, from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. This event is open to all 4-H members and prospective members. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. This will also be our first Older Youth Council meeting of the upcoming 4-H year. All 4-Hers entering 7th grade and above are invited to attend to find out what OYC is about and get signed up for our fun activities throughout the year!



National Congress Registration open in 4-H

Online through August 5

Testimonial from an attendee last year:

Hello! I'm Lily, and this past November I had the opportunity to attend 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. It has been one of my all-time favorite 4-H experiences! It's another experience with delegates from all across Wisconsin that you will be traveling with. Once you get there, you'll have the chance to meet people from all over the country. I became very close with some of my fellow Wisconsin Delegates and formed friendships all across the country. At Congress you'll attend a few sessions (chosen at random) to attend. It's a very large range of activities, and everyone was very encouraging about trying new things. My favorite one was yoga, because my friend was in the next room doing zumba and they accidentally piped their music into our room (It made a very interesting atmosphere). I got to try southern sweet tea (it's delicious by the way) and go out on excursions. I went to the Georgia aquarium, and Coca Cola Museum! Overall it was a really fun week! I encourage you to think about registering.

Find out more about the 4-H National Congress by clicking the button below.

Please connect with Rachel at the Extension Office if you have questions. (Also, please note that this event occurs BEFORE scholarships are awarded by the Leaders Association. You may be awarded a scholarship after you attend and would get reimbursed part of the registration fee.)

National 4-H Congress-Wisconsin 4-H

4HOnline

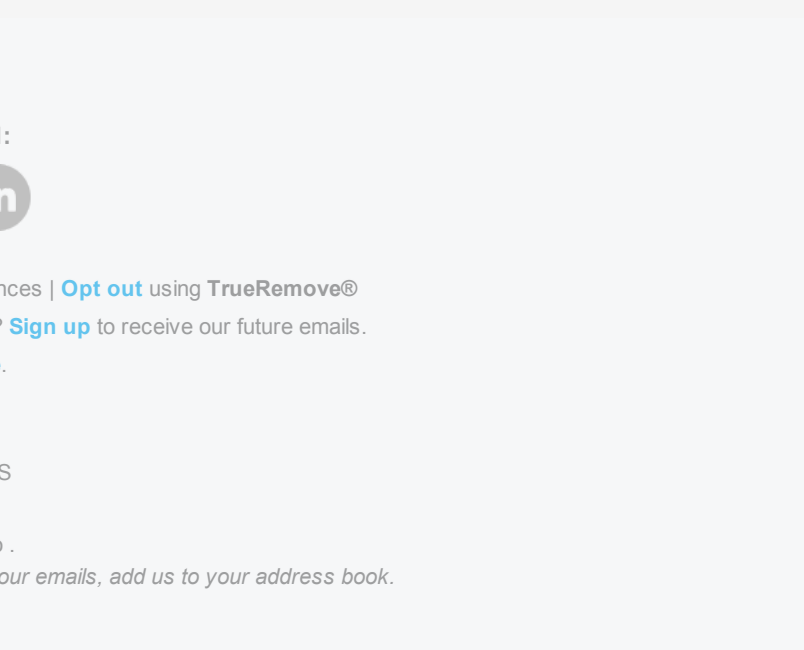
James E. Volbrecht Scholarship Application

Applications due July 29!

The Thesing-Ritter Family will award one \$300 scholarship to an active Eau Claire County 4-H or regional FFA member involved in the Eau Claire County Fair (preference will be given to youth involved in the dairy project) who plans to pursue post-secondary education. This scholarship is in memorial to James Volbrecht who was a longtime supporter of 4-H and the Eau Claire County Fair. Jim graduated from CYTC with an Ag Mechanics degree in 1984 and he was named Outstanding Young Farmer in 1992. Tragically, Jim died in a farming accident in 2019. This scholarship is given in gratitude for his years of support of young people in Eau Claire County and will honor his memory.

Applicants should complete the application and email it with a resume of involvement and experience to Jodi Thesing-Ritter at: jthesing@uwex.edu by 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2023. Scholarship winners will be notified at the Fair Awards Ceremony on Sunday, July 30.

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4-H Movement Toolkit Available for Club Checkout

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Wisconsin's program quality team has been doing great work in coming up with tools to promote the 4-H program and talk about what makes us special. You can check out the digital versions here: The Wisconsin 4-H Movement – Wisconsin 4-H

And, thanks to a grant from the 4-H Foundation, we have physical copies of the toolkit that you can check out from the office. The book has 7 activities: Plant a Positive Thought Garden; Belonging Together; Clover Cube; Building Connections; Conversation Cards; Discovering Skills; Create Chris Clover (with bonus Plushee & Simple Circles); Exploring New Opportunities; Explore your Spark; Giving Back to Your Community; Service Learning; and 4-H Clover Catcher.

If you would like to check out the kit for up to two months, contact Rachel at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu or Andy at andy.heren@eauclairecounty.gov

Help Promote 4-H at National Night Out in Eau Claire (or your hometown!) on August 1

National Night Out is an annual community-building partnership that promotes police-community

connections and neighborhood camaraderie in towns and cities across the country. It is always the first Tuesday in August, Rachel & Katy will be at the NNO table in Eau Claire's Carson Park and would appreciate help in promoting 4-H and showing people what 4-H is about.

Contact Rachel at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu if you are interested in volunteering with us or a community closer to your home.

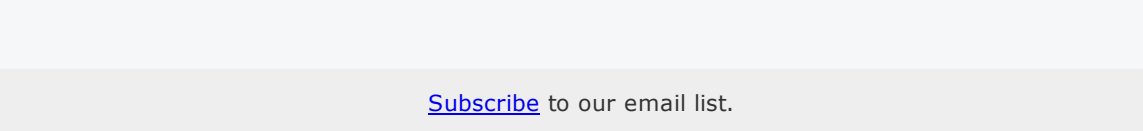


Wisconsin Restorative Justice Youth Summit

Registration deadline extended to May 10 for the Wisconsin Restorative Justice Youth Summit on Thursday, July 27, 10:00am-3:00pm at UW-Madison, Memorial Union. This is open to high school youth and adults. The Summit will feature several speakers, including keynote Jeremy Triblett as well as restorative justice workshops and interactive art projects by Sharen Moore Troy Washington, PhD and more.

Please see the flier and click the button to register. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch.

WRJS Registration



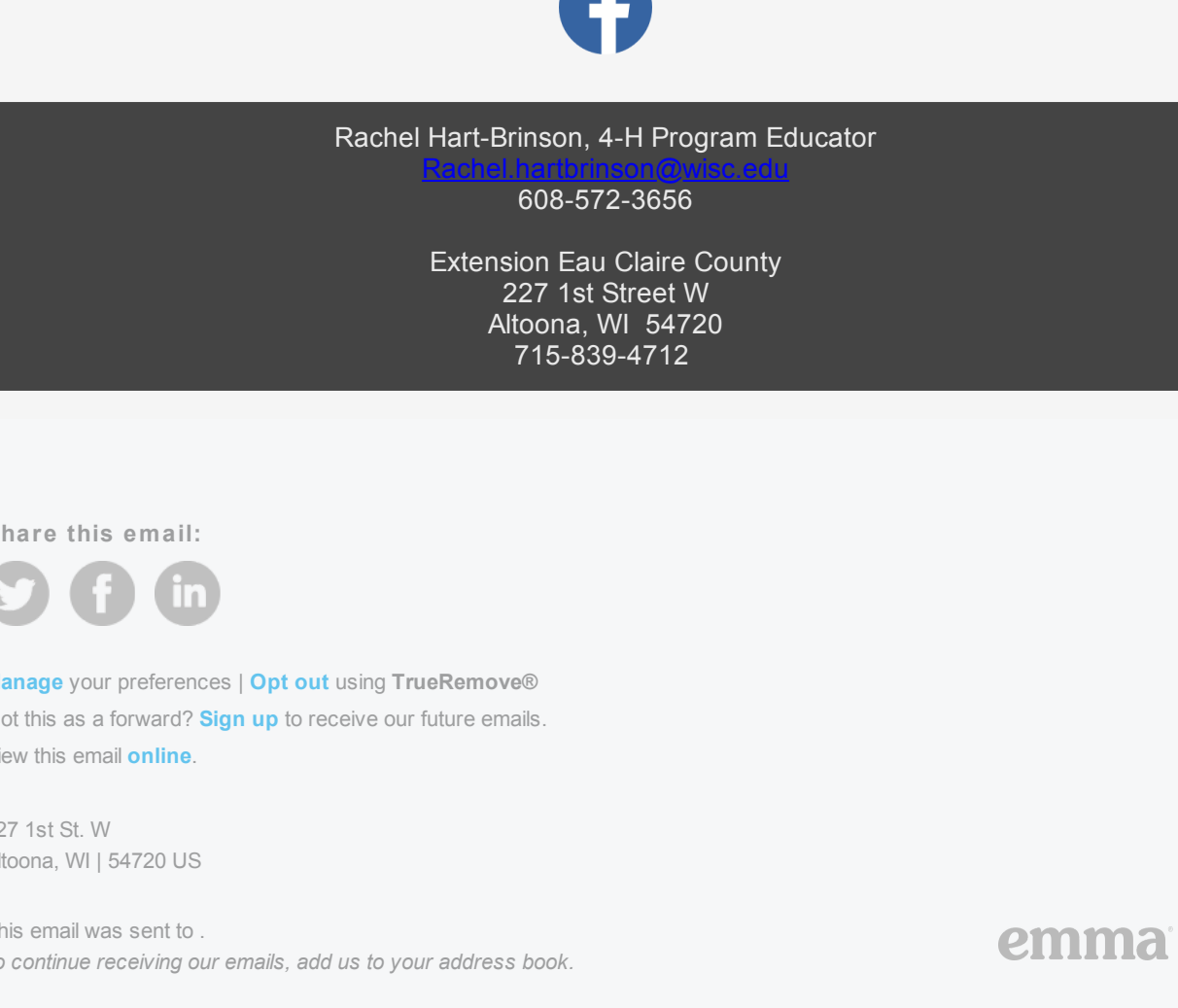
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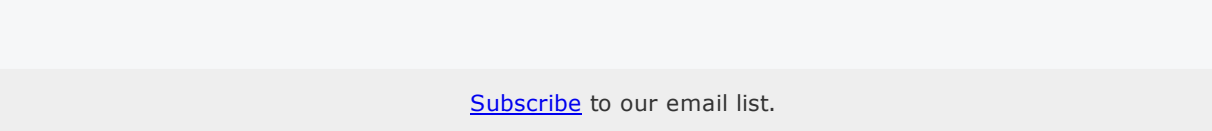
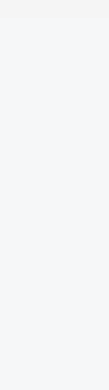
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4-H Project Curriculum Library

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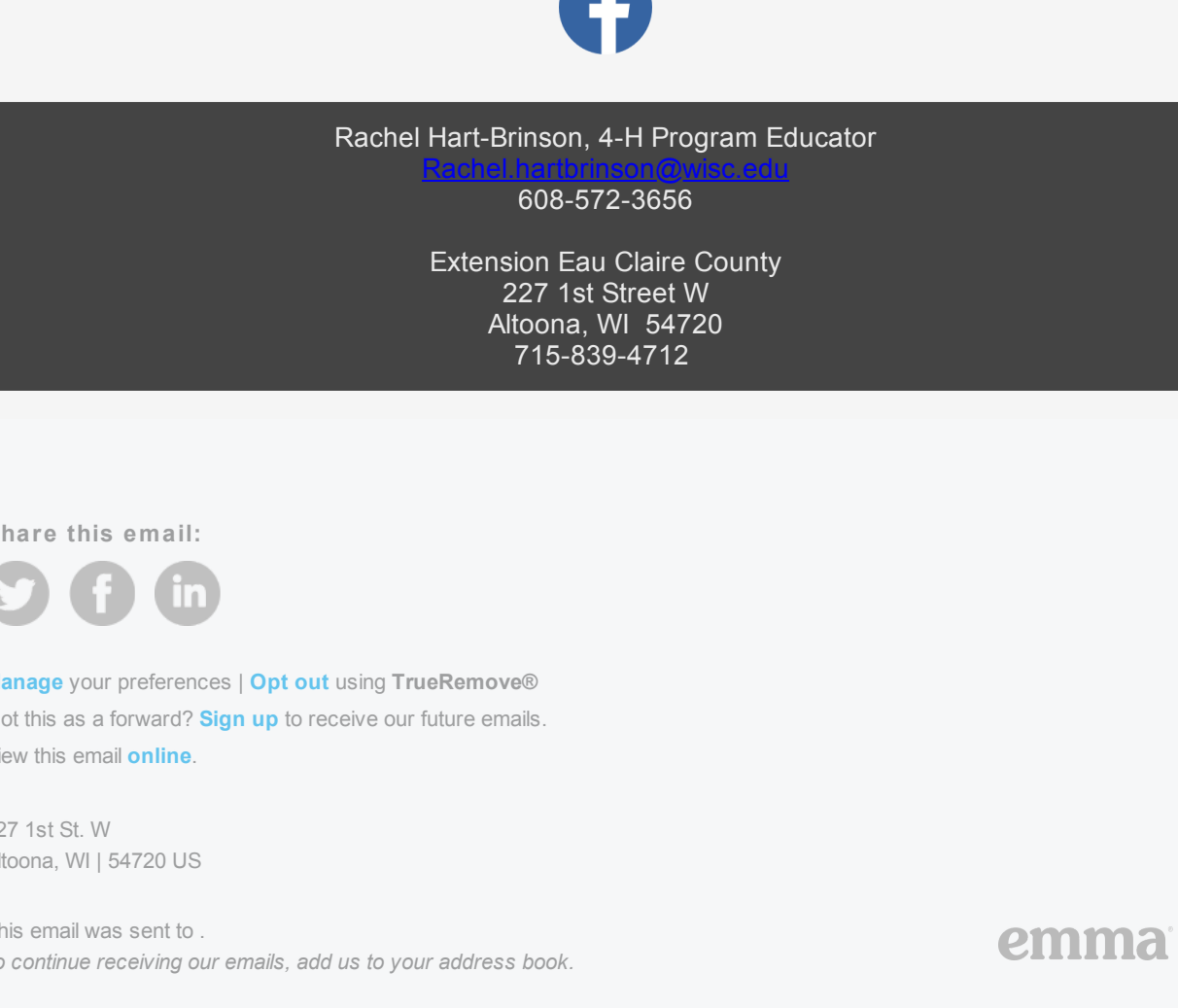
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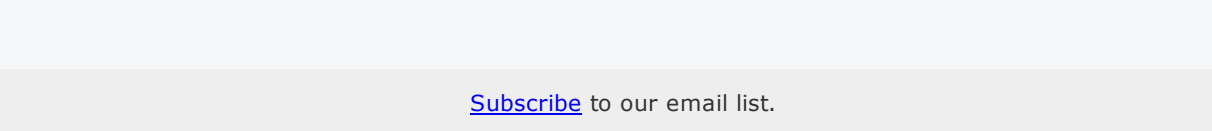
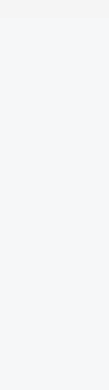
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