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Eau Claire County 4-H



January 16, 2024

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.

Next Meeting-March 12, 2024

The next Leaders Association meeting will be Tuesday, January 9. PLEASE make every effort to come to these meetings. It is how we make connections and learn from each other to bring the best programs we can to the young people in our clubs. It connects your local club program to the wider recognition program and opportunities in 4-H.

[2022-23 Leaders Association Folder](#)

[2023-24 Leaders Association Google Folder](#)

Starts This Week!



Tuesdays 5:45PM or 6:45PM
Banbury Place Door #17

Shooting Sports

If any of you would like to participate in Shooting Sports this year and missed the parent meeting on January 4, you can still participate. If you missed the meeting you can see the slides from the presentation by clicking the button below.

Thank you to Jessica Zeman who is stepping into the Secretary/Treasurer Role and Jon Dorn who agreed to give the President role a try.

Practice is Tuesdays at Banbury Place, Door #17. There is an early session (5:45-6:40) and a late session (6:45-7:40) scheduled at this time. This may be condensed if numbers are low.

Air Rifle: January 16-March 5

Archery: March 12-April 23

The registration forms are attached. Fill them out and send to Jessica Zeman, 4525 Old Wells Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Include TWO checks. One for \$15 per discipline and one for \$50. The \$50 check will be destroyed if your family participates in helping at the Karl Peterson Memorial Shoot OR at the Buffalo County Fair in August. It will be cashed if families did not participate.

If you are interested in purchasing a Shooting Sports shirt, please let Jessica Zeman know either on your forms or send her an e-mail at jzeman@charter.net.

Questions? Contact

Jon Dorn: jon@dornconstructionllc.com or 715-577-6605

Darren Schlewitz: schlaysows@wwt.net 715-456-6117

Jessica Zeman: jzeman@charter.net 715-205-3979

Registration Forms & Meeting Slides



WE ARE HIRING!

A SUMMER INTERN

Work with young people.
Develop programs. Be creative.

4-H Summer Intern

We are hiring a summer intern. For the complete job description and application process, click the button below.

4-H Summer Intern Job Description



4-H Weaving Club

In partnership with the Altoona Public Library, Eau Claire County 4-H will be hosting a Weaving Club.

The Weaving Club will meet from 4PM-5PM Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1 at the Altoona Public Library.

It is for grades 4-8

Join a 5-week series that covers beginning weaving with straw weaving, making a loom out of a shoebox lid, weaving on the new loom, and then weaving a tapestry wall hanging. This club is open to non-4-H members and current 4-H members and will meet for just the five weeks listed. If you have questions about the program, please contact Rachel Hart-Brinson at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu or 608-572-3656.

Weaving Club



Virtual Cultural Baking

Thursdays, Feb 1-Feb 22, 7-8PM

No cost. You buy your supplies. If you need help finding or getting items, reach out to your 4-H Educator. Assistance is available.

Join 4-H Educators from across northern Wisconsin for a baking journey. We'll try recipes from four different cultures. Each one will teach unique baking techniques. We will make the following:

- + Mexican Hot Chocolate Cookies
- + Sticky Toffee Pudding
- + Rugelach
- + Fortune Cookies

Zoom links and supply lists will be sent after registration closes. Sessions will be recorded and available for viewing if you cannot attend a session.

Register by January 18 by clicking the button below.

Virtual Cultural Baking Registration



Tri-County Performing Arts Festival Registration Now Open!

When? February 24, 2024

Where? Elk Mound High School

What? Individual, duet, small group, and large group options are available for Drama and Music performances. This is a great way to build connections within your club.

Check out the rules by clicking the Festival Rules button below.

Register by clicking the Festival Registration button below.

Registrations Due February 11

If you have questions about performance options, please contact your 4-H Educator. (Note: The Speaking Festival was held in November so there are no speaking-only opportunities.)

[Festival Rules](#)

[Festival Registration](#)

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FOR
SUMMER
ACADEMY**

June 24-27, 2024
UW-Madison's Campus
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WITH LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
FOR 11TH GRADE +

**REGISTRATION OPENS
Mar 1st, 2024**

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4-H Summer Academy in Madison

Registration for the Summer Academy in Madison **opens March 1, 2024!**

TRACKS Newsletter

Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H Forestry publish a monthly newsletter called "TRACKS." If you have an interest in wildlife and forestry activities, then this is the newsletter for you! You can access the January issue by clicking the button below.

[January TRACKS Newsletter](#)



Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation

Scholarship Program

Applications for WI Rural Opportunities Foundation's Premier Scholarship Award Program will open on **Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 and close on Wednesday, March 6. Please visit their website by clicking the button below to apply online. They will only accept applications submitted online.**

This year, they will be awarding five outstanding high school seniors from rural Wisconsin with each a \$3,000 scholarship award to pursue post-secondary education.

Here are the criteria we will use when choosing the five recipients:

- The high school senior has lived in rural Wisconsin for at least two years. "Rural" is defined as traditional rural areas and rural towns with a population of 25,000 or less
- The high senior is attending a public or private school in Wisconsin.
- The high school senior is pursuing post-secondary education and plans on returning to rural Wisconsin upon graduation
- The high school senior will pursue a degree in a field that will support the economic health and well-being of rural communities in Wisconsin. This includes fields in agriculture, healthcare, large animal veterinary care, environmental studies, and sustainable practices
- The high school senior has financial need.

Three letters of recommendation are requested and help in the selection process, but are not required.

Selection will be completed by an ad hoc committee.

The scholarship award will support tuition and educational expenses, up to \$1,500 per semester, and will continue if a 2.5 GPA is maintained.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in May.

They encourage the best and the brightest scholars to apply, so they can bring the skills and knowledge they gain to help sustain the vibrancy of Wisconsin's rural communities.

[WROF Scholarship Application](#)

Volunteers Needed!

Eau Claire Home and
Garden Show

Feb 18
10AM-4PM

Activities: make birdhouses, lead ring toss,
plant seeds, & make pinecone bird feeders



UW-MADISON EXTENSION



**Eau Claire Energy
Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Volunteers Needed for the Youth Zone at the Home & Garden Show

Eau Claire Energy has asked 4-H to help lead activities at the Youth Zone at the Eau Claire Home and Garden Show, February 18. You would help lead youth-centered activities.

Activities: Ring toss, planting seeds, pine cone bird feeders, and building bird houses.

Shifts are from 10-1 & 1-4 or whenever you can make it!

Sign up by clicking the button below!

Home & Garden Show

Save the Date

**Feb 24 - Performing Arts
Festival**

March 9 - Foods Revue

May 4 - Clothing Revue



Save the Dates!

You will find information above about the Performing Arts Festival on February 24.

Be sure to put the Foods Revue down on March 9 and the Clothing Revue on May 4.

Sewing Workshops March 12 & 19

**Save the dates!
Volunteers Needed!**



Contest deadline Friday Dec. 29
Email eauclairefair@gmail.com



EC 4-H January Connect

runs January 1-January 31



Download the app, now!



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Join Code: 194MR8
Password: EC 4-H Rocks!

Get Ready for Goosechase!

Goosechase is a virtual engagement app. You form teams and participate by completing missions. You might describe it as a virtual scavenger hunt.

We'll be dropping the EC 4-H January Connect Game on January 1. In preparation, download the app. Get ready to form a team with your family or club friends and complete tasks. One team member needs a cell phone. The winning team members get 4-H swag!

1. Download the Goosechase iOS or Android app
2. Log in. New to Goosechase? Sign up for an account or participate as a guest

3. Search for this Experience by code 194MR8 or name EC 4-H January Connect. (We will send the passcode to start the experience on January 1.)

4. Create a team. Some teams require a passcode!

5. Lastly, set yourself apart with a name and photo

Look for EC 4-H January Connect. The Join Code is 194MR8. The password is EC 4-H Rocks!

The first missions drop on January 1. There will be new missions every day at a different time to keep you on your toes. Questions? Contact Rachel at the Extension Office.



2023-2024 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet

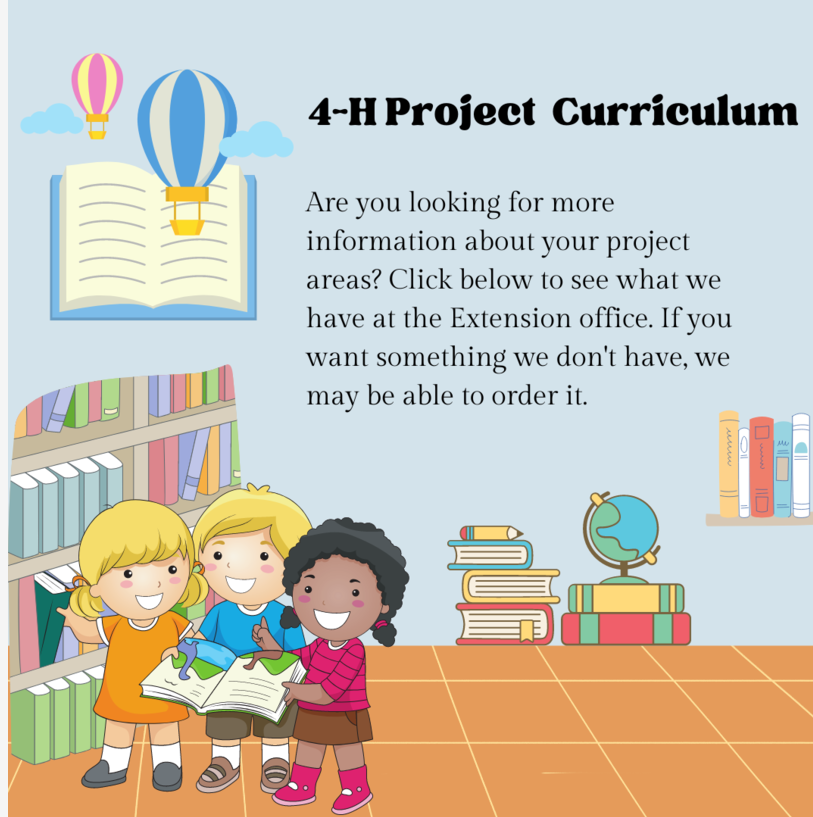
Find the 2023-24 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet by clicking the button below!

Need-based Statewide Scholarships are available for State Educational Experiences, which are made possible through donations to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. You can find more information and apply for a scholarship by clicking the other button below.

Eau Claire County Leaders Association provides scholarships to youth who submit a record book and go through an interview process. You can submit your application in September and January. If you have questions about how this works, please contact Rachel Hart-Brinson.

[2023-2024 WI 4-H Program Booklet](#)

[Scholarship Form](#)



4-H Project Curriculum

Are you looking for more information about your project areas? Click below to see what we have at the Extension office. If you want something we don't have, we may be able to order it.

4-H Project Curriculum Library

We have many resources available for most project areas. Click the green button below for a list of what we have on hand to loan out. It's a great way to get more information and ideas on your projects.

Eau Claire County 4-H Project Curriculum Library



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