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Eau Claire County 4-H



January 2, 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-January 9, 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

Chippewa, Dunn, & Eau Claire County 4-H

ART U

Virtual Art Instruction*

Grades K-3 & 4-6

January 29-March 4, 6:30PM

Cost: \$5-10

*March 4th & Grades 7+ in person at UW-Stout



Art U 2024--Last Day to Register, January 3!

Virtual Art sessions for K-3 & 4-6th graders.

Grades 7 and up will be in person at UW-Stout

6:30 PM, Mondays January 29-March 4

Cost: \$5 for enrolled 4-H members and \$10 for non-members

This partnership between UW-Stout art education students and 4-H is in its 4th year. Join the art fun in a supportive and interactive virtual experience for the younger grades while older artists experience the art room at UW-Stout and dive into a more in-depth art project.

Celebrate the program and show off your art at the in-person final program on March 4.

Register by January 3 by clicking the button below.

[Art U Registration](#)



Shooting Sports Family Meeting January 4, 2024 6:30 PM, Extension Office

We are calling our usual parent meeting for **January 4 at 6:30PM at the Extension Office.**

We have lots of adults who served on the committee in the past needing to step away this year because of new adventures. We are looking for interested adults to help volunteer for the program.

This includes adults who could help do administrative things like send out e-mails, call a few

meetings, or take notes. We need someone to be the treasurer-in-line. This means tracking income and expenses and filling out the financial report in July/August with the support of the current treasurer through May. Please come to the meeting prepared to help support the program!



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

Apply to Be a 4-H Camp Counselor



Camp Counselor Applications Available

We need **YOU** to be a camp counselor!

Applications Due Jan 7 (midnight)

Camp Dates: June 6-9 (Outpost & Base Camp)

Click the green button below for the online application. (More details on the application or on the Extension website.)

If you have questions, please contact Rachel.

2024 Camp Counselor Application



Arts Programming {DCo and Arts Teams}

Hey all high schoolers!

Please take this great opportunity to apply for one of the 2024 State Teams. Art Team and Drama Company work closely with the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council and the Summer Academy planning team to create a theatrical show and gallery walk centered around the Summer Academy theme. They also lead workshops at Summer Academy and Fall Forum and many are part of the leadership team for Arts Camp and ArtBEAT! This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for our most engaged high schoolers in our arts and communication projects.

Click the buttons below to apply. **Applications close January 15.**

[Drama Company Application](#)

[Art Team Application](#)



Older Youth Council January Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2024

12:00 Noon

Beaver Creek Reserve

Snowshoe Party



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.



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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 UW-MADISON EXTENSION



4-H Summer Academy in Madison

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



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
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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 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

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HELP US COME UP WITH A THEME
FOR THE 2024 FAIR
INCORPORATING THIS MILESTONE

EC 4-H January Connect

runs January 1-January 31



Download the app, now!



UW-MADISON EXTENSION
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

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

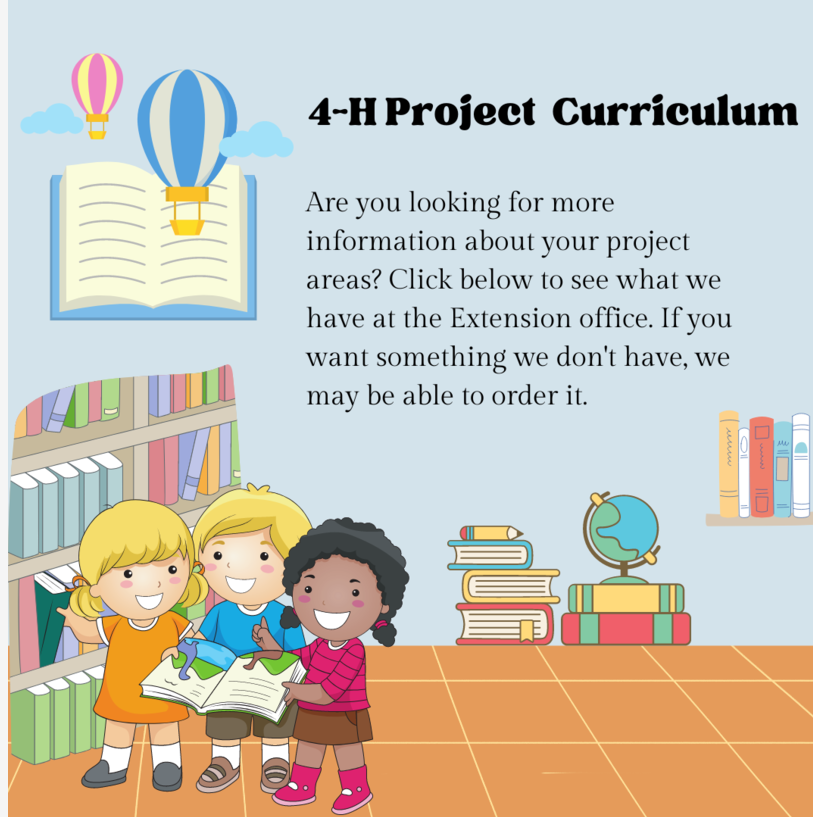
Find the 2023-24 Wisconsin 4-H Program Booklet by clicking the button below!

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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