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WELCOME LETTER



Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

Welcome to Eau Claire County 4-H!

Thank you for your interest in the Eau Claire County 4-H program. We are excited to have you join us and the over 8 million young people around the world who participate in 4-H. We hope that the information in this packet will answer your questions, but if it doesn't, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office and speak with Andy Heren, support specialist, or Rachel Hart-Brinson, the 4-H Program Coordinator.

In this packet you will find lots of information about 4-H and how to join a club. What is a club, you ask? You'll find that information in here, too! (Look in the Frequently Asked Questions section.)

All the clubs have a little bit different feel so you might want to try a few out before you choose one. If it doesn't feel right, try another one. See the club meeting list for locations and times to help you find the right fit for your family.

4-H is an outstanding, evidence-based, positive youth development program. It uses the experiential learning (learn-by-doing) model to help build strong leaders, generous citizens, and capable people. 4-H builds life-skills and allows youth a safe place to try new things and learn from their mistakes. We accomplish this program with the help of outstanding 4-H Volunteers and family involvement.

The 4-H year starts in the fall to match the school year. New members can enroll at any time, but must be enrolled online by May 1 to exhibit at the fair. (See the Frequently Asked Questions for an explanation of "the fair.") 4-H members and adult volunteers re-enroll every year.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

All the Best.

Rachel Hart-Brinson
4-H Program Coordinator

General Information

4-H MEMBERS

Cloverbud: Members in kindergarten or 1st grade participating in an introductory 4-H program can be a part of a 4-H club.

Explorer: Members in 3rd grade participating in this introductory 4-H program can try a variety of project areas without committing to in-depth learning quite yet. You can choose what will work best for your child--Exploring or moving right to member.

4-H Member: Youth in 3rd grade through one year past high school (grade 13).

Parents/Guardians: Parents/guardians and families are very important to the success children will have in the 4-H program. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend monthly meetings, project meetings and countywide events with their children. Parents or guardians are encouraged to become official 4-H volunteers. Contact the 4-H Program Educator if you are interested.

4-H LEADERSHIP ROLES

Older Youth Council (OYC): Any 4-H member in 7th grade or above that is enrolled in 4-H. OYC has their own meetings and emphasizes the development of leadership skills, community service projects and camaraderie with the help of adult advisors.

General Leader: A volunteer adult (or team of adults) that takes on the main leadership responsibilities for each local 4-H club. These leaders assist in organizing club meetings and distributing information to members and parents.

Project Leader: An adult volunteer with knowledge in a specific area who helps 4-H members as they learn, make, or do a project. This person can be a 4-H parent, older 4-H youth, or community member. If you would like to be a "project leader," please contact the 4-H Program Educator to discuss the possibilities.

4-H Program Educator: The youth development professional who guides and administers the 4-H program. This person is an employee of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension. Eau Claire County's 4-H Program Educator is **Rachel Hart-Brinson**. You can reach her at 608-572-3656 or rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu.

General Information Cont.

CLOVER LEAVES

The Cloverleaves is the bi-monthly Eau Claire County 4-H newsletter. It provides information on county, state, and national-level events, along with program reminders. It is e-mailed to the e-mail address you provide in 4-H Online, plus placed on the Extension Eau Claire County website (<https://eauclaire.extension.wisc.edu/>). Read it to stay informed.

FAIR BOOK

The book that lists the Eau Claire County Fair classes and rules for entry. A new Fair Book is published annually. The projects you sign up in on 4honline, affect what projects you can enter in the Fair. Ask your club leader or the Extension office if you have questions.

RECORD BOOKS

The record book is an individual report of the 4-Her's accomplishments in projects and activities during the previous year. It provides a way to reflect on what went well (or didn't) and how you might apply that learning in the future. Record books are submitted to club leaders in August. Some county-level awards require a completed record book.

4-H EVENTS

To find a list of events, follow Eau Claire County 4-H on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireCounty4H/> or visit our website (<https://eauclaire.extension.wisc.edu/>) under events or the Clover Leaves newsletter. The UW-Madison Extension website: <https://extension.wisc.edu/> has statewide information.

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4-H Enrollment

GENERAL ENROLLMENT

Visit <http://4honline.com/> to fill out an online registration. The 4-H registration opens Sep 1 for that program year, but new members can register at any time. The individual 4-H project categories you select for the year are listed in 4-HOnline in the “projects” tab under the “participation” section. See page 7 for more about projects.

Please contact 4-H Program Educator, Rachel Hart-Brinson, at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu or 608-572-3656 for more information or questions about enrollment.

TIPS FOR NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENTS

- 1. Find a 4-H Club. Contact a club leader about your interest in joining.** Check out clubs and attend club meetings to find the best fit for your family. Contact the UW-Madison Extension Office at 715-839-4712 or see page 9 for a listing of active clubs in Eau Claire County. Contact information and club locations are also located on pages 8-9 in this welcome packet.
- 2. Complete all personal information during enrollment.** Contact information that you provide at this time is how we will contact you. Please include phone numbers and e-mails that you check on a regular basis.
- 3. Add projects.** Projects are areas of interest that your young person wants to explore. See page 7 for more information on projects. You can add or change your projects after your initial registration. Youth leader enrollment for grades 7-13 is optional.
- 4. Complete release of information section.** We use photos and testimonials in advertising and promotions as well as reports to the county, state, and national partners. Unless we ask, no last names will be included in any postings of photos or testimonials.

NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT

1. Go to <https://4honline.com/>. Click “Don’t have an account?” on the bottom of the screen.
2. Select Wisconsin from the drop-down menu and select Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development
3. Choose “Eau Claire” from the drop-down menu.
4. Complete your family’s information. Make sure to use an e-mail and a phone number that you check regularly.

4-H Enrollment Cont.

NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT CONT.

5. Click "Create Account"
6. Enter your family's address and click "Verify" (This checks to make sure that you have not entered a duplicate address. If there is a duplicate, you will be directed to go back to an existing account. If this is an error and you have no account, please contact Andy Heren at 715-839-4712 at the Extension Office.)
7. Next, click the "Add Member" in the upper right corner. Fill in the required information and click the Next button to continue. (Red asterisks mean that the information is required.)
8. Choose the "I want to join 4-H as a New or Returning 4-H Club Member and click the blue "Finish" button.
9. Click the blue "Enroll Now" button under 4-H. Enter the information and click Next or Enroll to continue.
8. Click the "Select Clubs" button. Find the club you would like to add and click the "Add" button. You can select more than one club, but make sure that you mark your primary club. Click Next to advance.
9. Click "Select Projects." Make sure your club that has that project is listed under "clubs" and then select "add" next to the project you want to select. If you have more projects to add, click "Select Projects" again and click "add" for each project you would like to participate in. (Note: Some projects may have Consents that are required. You will be prompted to enter the required signatures after you have added those projects.)
10. Click "Show Questions." Complete the enrollment questions as appropriate. Click Next at the bottom of the screen.
11. Click "Show Health Form." Answer the questions & click Next at the bottom of the screen when you are done.
12. Click on "Show Consents." Complete the questions. (Please allow use of the image unless there is a safety concern. We do not include last names on posted photos.) Click Next when you are done.
13. Review the Payment options. (You will need to pay your club the fees listed. They will pass on the fee to the Extension Office.) Select "pay by check" and then click "Next."
14. Review the enrollment information. If everything is correct, hit the "submit" button.

You will receive an e-mail to let you know that your enrollment has been submitted. The Program Educator or the Support Associate will review and approve your enrollment within a few days. You will receive another e-mail when it has been approved.

4-H Enrollment Cont.

ADULT LEADER/VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT

1. Go to <https://4honline.com/>. Create a profile or log into your already-created profile. Check the box next to 'volunteer' in the roles column and choose all the volunteer roles that fit you.
2. After 7-10 days, you will be sent an e-mail from HireRight, requesting that you provide personal information in order for them to run a background check. Click the link and create an account.
3. Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator and arrange to take the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training.
4. In your 4-HOnline profile, look under the "trainings" tab in the Participation section and take the "Mandated Reporter" training.
5. Take the other listed trainings.

PROJECT ENROLLMENTS

Cloverbud Enrollments: Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are part of the 'Cloverbud' project category. You will enroll in "Cloverbuds" and not specific projects.

Explorer Enrollments: 3rd graders MAY enter the 'Exploring' project category during online enrollment or you may enter specific projects depending on individual preference. Exploring is a way to try a bunch of different things. If your child is focused, they might be ready to enroll in a project. If your child exhibits at the Fair, Exploring kids talk one-on-one with a judge about their exhibits.

Other Project Enrollments: Youth in grades 3-13 choose project categories from the list in 4-H online. First year members are encouraged to choose 1 or 2 project categories, but you are welcome to do more.

Junior Leader Enrollments: Members should enter "Youth Leader" for a project if they are going to lead project meetings or it is part of a Youth Leadership project.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

September 1: Enrollment opens

May 1: Last day for members to change or add projects

June 1-15: Fair entries are due in FairEntry to be eligible for premium. Go to www.FairEntry.com to register exhibits.

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Re-enrollment is required each year. 4-H Volunteers and youth members should re-enroll starting September 1. Youth can enroll in the same or different projects and can add them until May 1.

4-H Club Information

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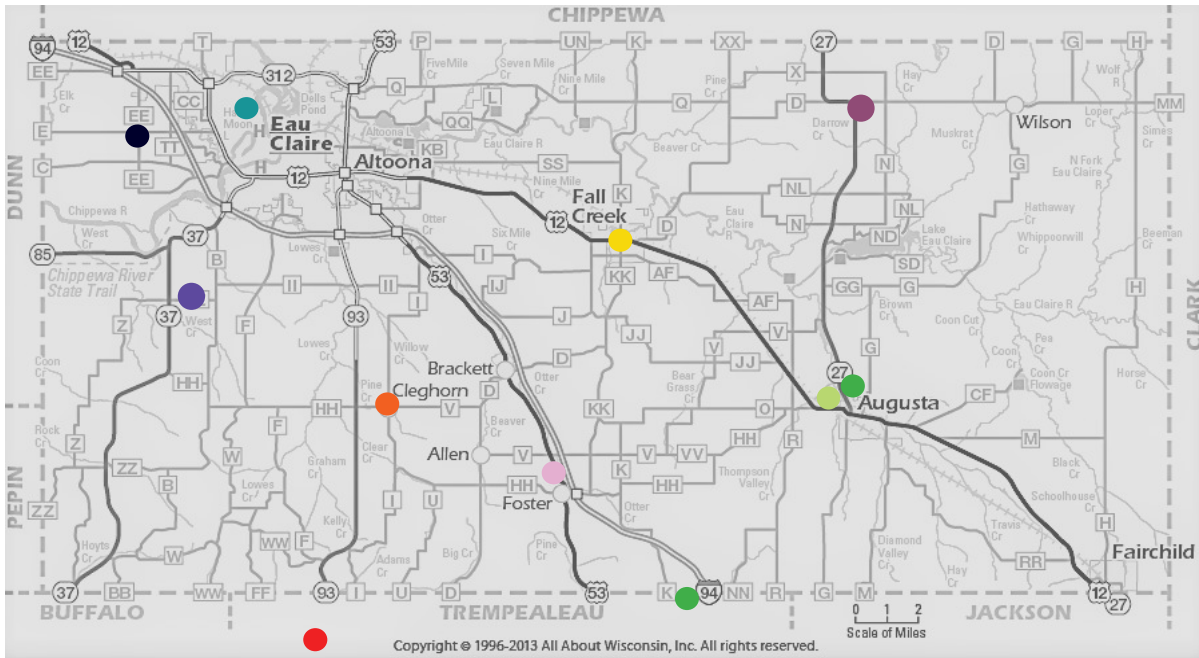
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4-H Club Information

COMMUNITY CLUB LOCATIONS



● BEEF RIVER PACESETTERS

Albion Town Hall
N50005 Co Rd Y, Eleva, 54738
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Date: Second Monday of the Month

● COUNTRY COUSINS

Town of Lincoln Town Hall
S5555 Green Meadow Rd, Fall Creek, 54742
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Date: Third Monday of the Month

● EAU CLAIRE CLOVERS

Lutheran Church-Good Shepherd
1120 Cedar St, Eau Claire, 54703
Meeting Time: Activity at 3:30pm, meeting at 4:00pm
Date: Second Sunday of the month (except June)

● FOSTER TOWN AND COUNTRY

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Foster
S12860 Coon St, Osseo, WI 54758
Meeting Time: 6:00pm
Date: Second Monday of the Month

● PLEASANT HILL GO-GETTERS

Union Town Hall
1506 N Town Hall Rd, Eau Claire, 54703
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Date: Second Monday of the Month

● PLEASANT VALLEY CLOVERS

Pleasant Valley Community Center
S10414 County Rd HH, Eleva, 54738
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Date: Third Monday of the month

● RODELL BUSY BEES

Augusta Middle/High School
E19320 Bartig Rd, Augusta, 54722
Meeting Time: 6:00pm
Date: First Thursday of the Month

● RUSSELL CORNER BADGERS

Even Months: Osseo Ev. Lutheran Church
50351 Harmony St, Osseo, 54758
Odd Months: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
814 Hudson St, Augusta, 54722
Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Date: Second Thursday of the month

● LITTLE RED CARDINALS

Brunswick Town Hall
W5465 Co Rd Z, Eau Claire, 54701
Meeting Time: 6:45pm
Date: Fourth Monday of the Month

● SUGARBUSH

Ludington Town Hall
E19980 Co Rd D, Fall Creek, 54742
Meeting Time: 3:00PM
Date: Second Sunday of the month

4-H Club Information

COMMUNITY CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

BEEF RIVER PACESETTERS

The Beef River Pacesetters is a fast-growing club located in Eleva. We have many members from the School District of Eleva-Strum but also welcome homeschoolers and club members from Eau Claire, Fall Creek, and more! Our club has had two big years of re-building and we are so proud to be a very young and active group. We keep our business meetings short and include lots of hands-on activities and games. This school year we are also looking forward to club outings to: Ferguson's Orchard, High Rollers Skating, Paint Shack, and the Strum Recycling center. Another highlight of our year is running the 4-H food stand at Broiler Fest. This is our club's biggest fundraiser and a long standing tradition in the community. Come join the fun!

COUNTRY COUSINS

This is a typical 4-H club. We have a diverse group of members with lots of interests. We had several members graduate over the past two years so the group is currently younger. We have 8-10 families in the club with varying levels of engagement / commitment. We look to get a little more structured this year, establishing committees to own the various activities we do throughout the year. We will continue to do some fund raising efforts and community outreach projects along with educational items that tie in with various projects supported by 4-H and the fair.

EAU CLAIRE CLOVERS

The Eau Claire Clovers is a club with a variety of ages. The club involves itself in many activities to help support the community. The club prides itself on the wide range of interests, abilities, and involvement throughout the year. We help share what 4-H is all about and give back to the community with community service projects. The club has 11 active families. This year our club looks forward to continue many past projects while adding a few new ones. Our most popular projects include poultry, art, photography, and LEGO.

FOSTER TOWN & COUNTRY

4-H Club Information

COMMUNITY CLUB DESCRIPTIONS

LITTLE RED CARDINALS

There are 16 families in the club, with members from the Eau Claire, Durand, Mondovi, Elk Mound and Chippewa Falls school district. The club plans on having a Halloween party, participating in a 4th of July Parade and doing two to three community service events.

PLEASANT HILL GO-GETTERS

PLEASANT VALLEY CLOVERS

Pleasant Valley Clovers is supported by approximately 23 families and 50 members. This year we are excited to rebalance our activities to support the interests of our new members and evolving club. This year will be a synergy of community service, project exposure, educational experiences, resilience, and of course recreational activities.

RODELL BUSY BEES

We are a small club. We are looking forward to activities at each meeting.

RUSSELL CORNER BADGERS

RCB has roughly 17 families and 35 youth members, ranging from cloverbud age to older youth. Many families live in the Osseo & Augusta area so we alternate our meeting location each month. We try to meet outside, such as at the park, during the summer months. Our monthly meetings usually consist of demonstrations, business meeting, education opportunity and/or activity. We like to share a light meal or snack together at the beginning of the meeting which is provided by 2-3 families each month who have signed up to bring. We emphasize on community service and opportunities to give back to local groups such as nursing homes, assisted livings, veterans, the churches who provide our meeting locations, food pantries, etc. We like to have fun and try to schedule 2-3 activities each year which vary based on youth interests.

SUGARBUSH

FAQ

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is a non-profit youth development organization delivered by Extension professionals across the United States and around the world. Youth complete hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement, guided by adult mentors. Youth are encouraged to take on leadership roles, developing self confidence and communication skills. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to explore passions, or “sparks.”

WHO CAN JOIN 4-H?

You can join 4-H whether you live in the city, a suburb, or the country. Membership is open to youth and young adults from grades kindergarten through one year past high school graduation. The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension provides affirmative action and equal opportunity in education, programming and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or parental arrest or conviction record or veteran status.

WHO PROVIDES LEADERSHIP FOR 4-H IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY?

Eau Claire County 4-H is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension. There is a National 4-H office that provides some program curriculum. Each state has their own state office that supports their program and counties have a 4-H Program Educator. Eau Claire’s 4-H Program Educator is Rachel Hart-Brinson and she has been in the position since April, 2019.

WHAT IS A 4-H ADULT LEADER/VOLUNTEER?

Adults who volunteer their time and talents with 4-H youth through various youth development programs and activities are crucial to the 4-H program. They impart knowledge, bond with youth, and provide leadership for 4-H project areas. Please see below for more details.

WHAT KIND OF VOLUNTEER ROLES ARE THERE?

Club Leader: Serves as an advisor to a community 4-H club

Project Leader: Helps youth learn about a particular project by sharing interests, knowledge, talents, or just an enthusiasm for learning through leading project-specific meetings.

Activity/Event Volunteer: Short term commitment to help 4-H members with an activity. Examples include: directing a play, or leading a community service activity.

Youth Leader: Older 4-H members who hold office in 4-H clubs or who assist club leaders and members with club program and activities, projects, and events.

Committee Volunteer: Someone who serves on a project group committee.

Club Enrollment Coordinator: Someone who helps the club leader keep track of enrollment and dues collection.

Adult Advisor/Chaperone: An adult over the age of 21 who will stay overnight with young people. This role requires extra trainings.

HOW DO I VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A 4-H LEADER OR VOLUNTEER?

Contact the 4-H Program Educator, Rachel Hart-Brinson at:

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8:00am-4:30am, Monday-Friday

WHAT IS A 4-H CLUB?

A club is your local 4-H community. Clubs organize community service projects, social activities, and hold meetings once a month. Meetings are run and organized by youth with adult support. There are currently 15 clubs to choose from in Eau Claire County, or you can start your own with 2 other families! See a map of club meeting locations and times at <http://eauclaire.extension.wisc.edu/>.

WHAT DO 4-H CLUBS DO AT MEETINGS?

In general, club meetings usually include a learning activity, club business, and member demonstrations. Club business might include planning community service projects, social activities, or fundraising.

WHO RUNS 4-H CLUBS?

The club's general leaders are present at club meetings and events to serve as an advisor to the 4-H club. Youth officers facilitate the meeting. The 4-H club offices include president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers should plan the agenda and activities with adult guidance. Youth vote on decisions regarding activities and how to spend money.

HOW ARE 4-H CLUB OFFICERS CHOSEN?

Youth interested in running for office nominate themselves and club members vote on who should be in each office.

WHEN AND HOW LONG DO CLUBS MEET?

This depends on the club. Most clubs meet for 1-2 hours, and most meetings are held once a month. Club meeting location varies by club. Check out page 10 for a list of times and locations.

WHAT ARE 4-H PROJECTS?

A 4-H project may refer to two separate things. A project is an area of interest that the 4-H member wants to learn more about. You choose from a list of "projects" to enroll in on 4-H Online. These could also be thought of as "project areas." A 4-H project could also refer to the specific item that the 4-H member worked on. So you might hear, "I finished my sewing project," in reference to the skirt that child made. Youth sign up for one or more project areas and practice related skills throughout the year. There are many areas to choose from including dog training, foods & nutrition, sewing, photography, gardening, wood working, rocketry, creative writing, music, nature, computers, and livestock. Many 4-H members bring their completed

projects as an entry to the Eau Claire County Fair. To find out more about 4-H projects, contact the Extension Office or check the list on 4-HOnline.

WHAT COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS DO WE HAVE?

Eau Claire County has several project groups that members can get involved in. These include: Horse and Pony Project, Poultry Project, Dog Project, and Shooting Sports. These projects meet on a regular basis, but are separate from a club.

ARE 4-H MEMBERS EXPECTED TO DO THEIR OWN WORK?

4-H is a learning-by-doing program. Therefore, youth are expected to complete the project. Oftentimes youth leaders, parents, or club leaders assist and guide youth, but members are to complete their own projects.

HOW DO I JOIN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY 4-H?

Visit <http://4honline.com/> to fill out an online enrollment. You will fill this out at the beginning of every 4-H year in September to join or re-enroll. Project categories you may select from are listed on 4-H Online under 'Projects' in the 'Participation' section. New members and leaders can join at any time but to exhibit at the Eau Claire County Fair, you must enroll by May 1st. For more info about enrollment or the 4-H program, Please contact our **4-H Program Coordinator, Rachel Hart-Brinson** at: rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu, or 715-839-4712.

WHY IS 4-H A GREAT PROGRAM FOR YOUTH?

4-H is open to anyone of any ability or gender and includes a wide range of ages in its activities, making it a great choice for busy families. Plus, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the world, based upon the four elements of positive youth development foundations. Research has determined these elements are: Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity. 4-H is a great opportunity for youth to develop lifelong skills, and to play an important role in their community. Youth will develop lifelong friendships, as well as improve and develop skills such as decision making, problem solving, planning, organizing, teamwork, leadership, and much more.

HOW DO I START A 4-H CLUB?

If you don't find a club whose schedule fits your needs, you can start your own. You need 3 families with a total of 5 kids to start a club. Contact our **4-H Program Educator, Rachel Hart-Brinson** at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu or call the Extension Office at 715-839-4712 for information on how to get your club started.

WHAT DO THE "H'S" STAND FOR?

Head: Critical thinking, problem solving, learning by doing

Heart: Respect for self, others, environment, and community

Hands: Serving others, career preparation, hands on learning

Health: Living out a healthy lifestyle, managing change and challenges

WHAT IS THE 4-H PLEDGE?

Many club meetings start with the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge.

*I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club,
my community, my country, and my world.*

HOW MUCH DOES 4-H COST?

It costs \$10.00 to join 4-H for the entire year with a \$40/family cap. Each club may also add a few dollars on to fund costs for the year. Families pay the club and the club pays the Extension office the \$10. Some project areas may require small investments for supplies and equipment. 4-H is a non-profit organization. Any funds raised by the club are considered “public” funds and must be used for youth development.

WHAT IS THE FAIR?

“The Fair” is the Eau Claire County Fair. 4-H members are a huge part of the Eau Claire County Fair, as youth are able to present their project entries for judging, show livestock, volunteer, interact with other youth, and much more. 4-H families help set up the fair, take down the fair, run kids’ day activities, and staff the food stands as a fundraiser. Ours is a unique fair with free admission, free parking, no midway or alcohol tent. Kids’ games, petting zoo, inflatables, and Safety Day are organized and staffed by 4-H families.

4-H Year Overview

SEPTEMBER:

- September 1 enrollment opens on 4-H Online.
- New 4-H members explore clubs and find a good fit.
- Awards committee reviews record books and nominates youth for awards.

NOVEMBER:

- Club and group Charters due to the Extension Office November 1.

DECEMBER:

- County-wide Awards Banquet organized by Older Youth Council and Leaders

MAY:

- Enroll in 4-H Online by May 1. Choose a club and ‘project categories’ so you can show or exhibit at the EC County Fair.
- Check out the Fair Book and decide on project entries

JUNE:

- June 1 EC County Fair entries open through the 2nd Friday in June
- 4-H Summer Camp (1st week out of school)

JULY:

- Eau Claire County Fair

AUGUST:

- Make record books to reflect on and process the 4-H year. Send record book to the County for review after your club reviews them.

Get in Touch

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Enrollment Info: 4honline.com

UW-Madison Extension: <https://extension.wisc.edu/>

4-H National Web Portal: 4-h.org

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