

Eau Claire County 4-H Clover Leaves



December 2, 2025



Welcome to the Associate 4-H Educator!

Hello everyone!

I thought it was time to (re)introduce myself! My name is Gracie Gray. Many of you may remember me from this past summer when I served as the Eau Claire County 4-H Positive Youth Development Intern. I'm excited to share that I am returning in a new position as the Interim Eau Claire County 4-H Associate Educator.

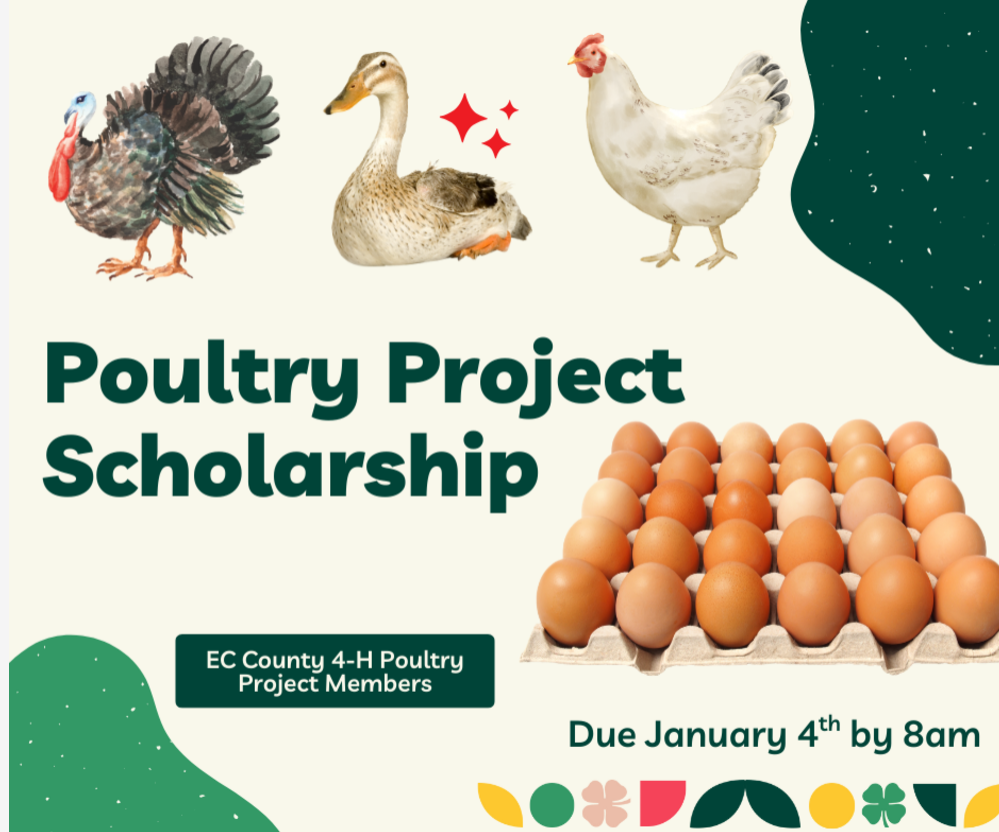
In this part-time role, I will be supporting our volunteers, youth, and clubs while helping to provide programming that meets the needs and interests of our members. Because this position is new, I'll also be working to help shape what the 4-H Associate Educator role will look like moving forward.

A little bit about me outside of 4-H: I am currently a junior at UW–Eau Claire, pursuing a degree in Elementary Education and planning to graduate in December 2026. I am passionate about working with young people and contributing to a positive, supportive community where youth can grow as leaders and explore their interests. In my spare time, I also enjoy coaching for the Eau Claire Aquatic Club!

My goal during my time here is to bring a fresh perspective, provide meaningful support, and continue strengthening the great work happening in Eau Claire County 4-H. To do that well, I welcome your feedback. If you have questions, ideas, or thoughts about the direction of our program, I would love to hear from you. You can reach me at glgray2@wisc.edu.

I can't wait to continue working with this wonderful program and all of you!

Best,
Gracie



Barb Medford Poultry Project Scholarship

4-H Poultry Project members are invited to apply for a scholarship to help them achieve their project goals.

Fill out the application by clicking the button below. Applications are due by 8AM on January 4, 2026.

[Barb Medford Scholarship Application](#)

Parent Meeting



**6:30PM Thursday, January 6
Pleasant Valley Community Center**

4-H Shooting Sports 2025 Season Kickoff!

☐ Mandatory Parent & Youth Meeting Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 PM at Pleasant Valley Community Center

We're excited to begin another year of 4-H Shooting Sports, and we can't wait to welcome new and returning youth to the program!

At this meeting, families will be able to:

- *Learn what the 4-H Shooting Sports program offers
- *Register youth for Air Rifle and/or Archery
- *Choose preferred practice day and time
- *View and order apparel available online
- *Pay group fees

A parent/guardian and the participating youth must attend.

[Shooting Sports Project Website](#)



GET READY!

A Virtual Scavenger Hunt is
coming



runs December 5-January 4

Download the app, now!



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



Goosechase Virtual Scavenger Hunt Drops December 5

Get ready for a virtual scavenger hunt that builds connections within your club and across the county. Download the GooseChase app and make plans to join the fun. The first mission drops on December 5. New missions are added every day through January 4. The winning team will win 4-H branded fun items and bragging rights.

APPLY TO BE A CAMP COUNSELOR

4-H Summer Camp at Kamp Kenwood and Lake Wissota State Park June 7-10

Additional Training
Dates: Feb 2-8,
May 3, and June 6

Grades 9-13

Scan to Apply

Camp Counselor Applications

Become a Camp Counselor for 4-H Camp! ☐
 Camp Dates: June 7–10, 2026 (Outpost & Base Camp)
 Applications Due: January 4 by 11:59pm

Are you ready to lead, inspire, and make unforgettable memories? Youth in grades 9 and up are encouraged to apply to be a camp counselor for the 2026 Clark, Dunn & Eau Claire 4-H Camps!

As a counselor, you will help shape the camp experience for youth, build leadership skills, and be part of an amazing team. Whether you're new or returning, we want YOU to apply!

Key Dates:

- ☐ Application Deadline: January 4
- ☐ Zoom Interviews: January
- ☐ Training Dates: February 7–8, May 3, June 5
- ☐ Camp Dates: June 7–10

[Camp Counselor Application](#)

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

*Join local 4-H Educators to
learn how to build a successful
resume and cover letter.*

*December 9, 2025
7:30-8:30*

SCAN ME



REGISTER





*Especially for
Camp Counselor Applicants*

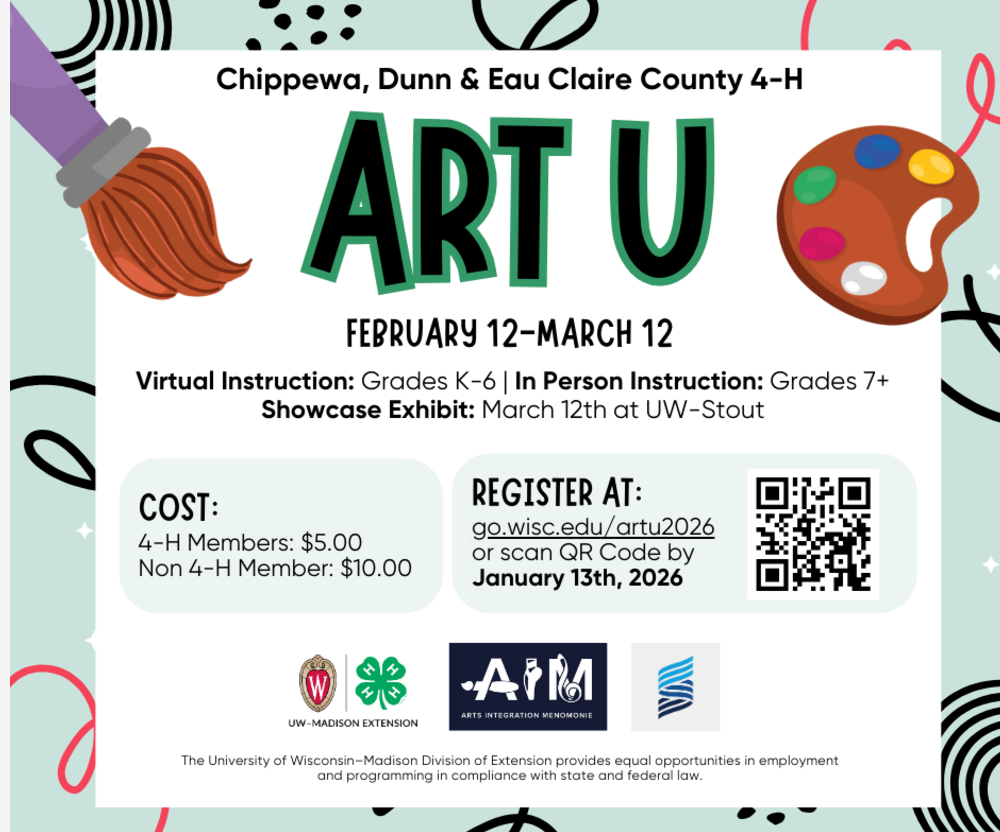


Resume Writing Workshop

Do you need to write a resume and a cover letter for the first time? Are you interested in applying for a camp counselor position for 4-H camp? Join us at 7:30PM on Tuesday, December 9 on zoom to help you turn your current interests into a resume that showcases you and your experience.

You must register by 8 am on December 9th. A zoom link will be sent to participants that day.

[Resume Workshop Registration](#)



Art U Registration Open Now

Art U is a virtual Art Project program led by Art Education students at UW-Stout for those in grades K-5. Grades 7 and up are in person at UW-Stout. February 12-March 12. The last night is a Showcase exhibit.

Cost: 4-H members \$5.00, Non-4-H members \$10.00

Register before January 13.

[Art U Registration](#)

CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE
4-H SPEAKING & DEMONSTRATION
CONTEST

January 31, 2026
from 9am-Noon

Elk Mound High School
405 University St, Elk Mound, WI 54739



For more details and to register, visit the Speaking and Demonstration Dashboard at go.wisc.edu/a6speakdemo or scan the QR Code

Have questions? Reach out to your local 4-H Extension Educator for assistance.



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The 2026 Tri-County Speaking and Demonstration Contest - January 31 from 9-noon

This is more than a competition—it's an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop crucial life skills, express their passions, and build confidence. Held at Elk Mound High School, this event is open to all 4-H members, including Cloverbuds. Registration begins at 9:00AM, with presentations starting at 9:30 AM.

Speaking & Demonstration Registration

Chippewa, Dunn & Eau Claire County 4-H

Fab Lab Lithophane Box Program

What's a Lithophane? A lithophane is a 3D-printed image that comes to life when backlit—like a glowing photo!



Dates: January 10 & 17, 2026 at 9am-12pm

Location: UW-Stout Fab Lab 120 Vocational Rehabilitation Building

Cost: \$10 per person (checks make payable to Extension Eau Claire County)

Limited to the first 18 4-H participants



Register online at
go.wisc.edu/cdestemday2026
or scan the QR code by Dec 22

A collaborative program
made possible by UW-
Stout FabLab



For questions, contact your local 4-H Program Educator

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STEM DAY Registration Open

Join 4-H at UW-Stout's "Fab Lab" to make a Lithophane Box. A lithophane is a 3D printed image that comes to life when backlit. This two-part program will include 3D printing, laser cutting, soldering, and experiencing part of UW-Stout's campus.

Cost: \$10--Pay Extension Eau Claire County

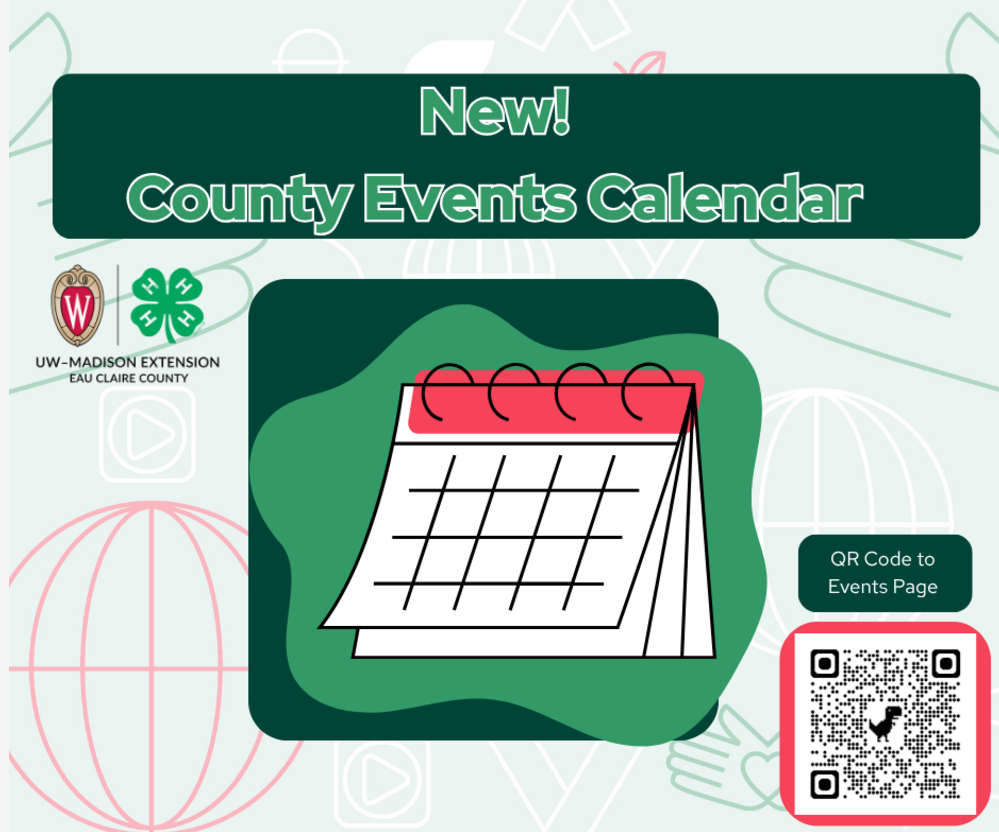
Location: UW-Stout's Vocational Rehabilitation Building at 221 10th Ave E, Menomonie, WI

When: January 10 & 17th from 9am-noon

Food: Snacks provided

Open to 6-9th grade 4-Hers. Space is limited to 18 participants. Registration Closes December 22nd at 8am.

STEM DAY Registration



New County Events Calendar

Check out the 4-H county calendar of events. Put dates on your calendar.

If any youth or adult would like to be on the planning committee for an event, please let Rachel know! We need people to help plan the Foods Revue, Clothing Revue, and the Home & Garden Show promotion.

And, if you have an event you want on the calendar, please send Rachel an e-mail at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu.

[Event Calendar](#)



Cookie Walk December 6

Support the Pleasant Valley Clovers 4-H Club at the Cookie Walk & Craft Sale from 10am-12pm at the

Pleasant Valley Community Center, S10414 Cty Rd I, Eleva.

Local vendors and homemade goodies by the pound.

OLDER YOUTH COUNCIL



Eau Claire County 4-H Older Youth Council 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 7, 6:00 p.m.

Kickoff Meeting, Eau Claire Sport Warehouse, 2983 11th Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Monday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.

National 4-H Week Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Pleasant Valley Community Center

Monday, November 3, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Feed My People Service Night, 2610 Alpine Rd • Eau Claire, WI 54703

Monday, November 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tactical Escape, Oakwood Mall, 4800 Golf Rd #70, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Monday, December 1, 6:00 p.m.

Glass Orchard, 130 Deerfield Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Friday, December 5, 5:30 p.m. arrival, 6:30 p.m.

Clearwater Parade, Grand & First Avenue, Eau Claire

Sunday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.

County Banquet, Pleasant Valley Community Center

Monday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.

Beaver Creek, S1 County Hwy K, Fall Creek, WI 54742

Monday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.

Bowling at Bowlwinkles, 1616 N Clairemont Ave #1, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Sunday, February 22, 8:00 a.m. to noon

Sarah Nelson Memorial Pancake Breakfast, Pleasant Valley Community Center

Monday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.

Painting at The Paint Shack, 2524 Golf Rd #2C, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Monday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.

Goat Farm Tour at Lymett Farms, 6667 36th St Colfax

Monday, May 4, 6:00 p.m.

Archery at Banbury Place, Enter through door number 17

Monday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.

Reboot Social, 220 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Monday, July 6, 6:00 p.m.

County Fair Prep, Expo Center Pavilion, 5530 Fairview Drive, Eau Claire, WI

Older Youth Council

Older Youth Council is open to any youth enrolled in the 4-H program who is in 7th grade and up. They do a variety of service and fun. It's a great way to increase your leadership skills.

Contact leader, Jodi Thesing-Ritter at thesinjm@uwec.edu or Rachel Hart-Brinson at rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu for more information.



Older Youth Council

JANUARY

Winter Night Hike Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 P.M.

BEAVER CREEK NATURE RESERVE

OYC Meeting January 5

6:00PM at Beaver Creek Nature Preserve for a night hike.

STATE 4-H EVENTS

A poster for the Wisconsin 4-H Space Camp. The background is a dark blue space with stars and a rocket ship launching from a white cloud. The text is in green and white.

April 23-27, 2026

Huntsville, Alabama

Wisconsin 4-H SPACE CAMP

OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Get involved in:

- Simulated Space Missions
- Learning and using Space Simulators
- Building and launching your own model rockets
- Real space training simulation
- etc.

Cost is \$1300

Registration open from Nov 15-Dec 15 via 4HOnline

  **Positive Youth Development Institute**
DIVISION OF EXTENSION
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Space Camp Registration Open

Register in 4-H Online Nov 15-Dec 15. Open to grades 6-8. Travel by bus to Huntsville, Alabama April 23-27. Experience space simulators, building and launching rockets, and more!



STATE TEAM APPLICATIONS

NOW OPEN!



UW-MADISON EXTENSION

Arts Ambassadors
Learn about leadership, interpersonal skills, and how to promote the 4-H Expressive Arts. Apply to join the Drama, Visual Arts, or Communications/Media team!

Leadership Ambassadors
Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H and engage in opportunities to build personal leadership skills and encourage others to grow their leadership potential.

Agriculture Ambassadors **NEW!**
Youth and adult team members will work together to contribute ideas and shape our statewide programs. Build leadership skills, meet other teens from throughout the state, and engage in opportunities to teach others.

State Leadership Team Applications Open

Wisconsin Ambassador Teams are made up of youth members from across Wisconsin.

Apply for Arts Ambassadors, Leadership Ambassadors, or Agriculture Ambassadors.

[Ambassador Team Information](#)

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION



Next Meeting - January

We have a full Executive Board! Thank you to all who have stepped up.

Leaders Association Meetings are held at the Eau Claire County Extension Office the 2nd Tuesday of September, November, January, March, May, and June. 6:00pm will be a time to hear policy updates, ask the 4-H Educator questions, and brainstorm club ideas. Meetings will start at 6:30pm. PLEASE make every effort to send a representative to these meetings. Attending is how we make connections and learn from each other to bring the best program we can to the young people in our clubs. It connects your local club program to the wider county program and makes you aware of the wider opportunities in 4-H so that you can promote those to your club members.

[2025-2026 Leaders Association Google Folder](#)

[2024-2025 Leaders Association Google Folder](#)

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