

# Eau Claire County 4-H Clover Leaves



December 16, 2025

**Poultry Project  
Scholarship**

EC County 4-H Poultry  
Project Members

Due January 4<sup>th</sup> by 8am

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 Tuesday, January 6**  
**Pleasant Valley Community Center**

## 4-H Shooting Sports 2026 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.**



## Dog Project Kick-off Meeting 6PM on January 8

The dog project orientation meeting will be on January 8, 2026, 6pm at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

The meeting is for families interested in or already enrolled in the dog project. Please bring to the meeting: Yourself and a hard copy of your dog's current vaccine records. **DO NOT** bring your dog.

If you have questions before the meeting please email the dog project leader, Deb Motzing at [Deb.motzing@gmail.com](mailto:Deb.motzing@gmail.com) or call (715)559-4492.

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**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.

App



# 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](#)



## 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](https://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 9-12

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](https://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**



# Project Exploration Day

SAVE THE DATE

**March 14, 2026**

**Grades: K-5**

**Location: Extension Office**

Participants sign up for 3, 45-minute sessions

**SESSION LEADERS NEEDED!!!!**



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## Project Exploration Days

**SESSION LEADERS NEEDED &**

**SAVE THE DATE-March 14**

Youth and Adult Volunteers, we need you! Please sign up to share a session with K-2 or 3-5 graders in one or more slots from 9-noon. Fill out the Google Form by January 25.

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## Help Promote 4-H!

Sign up to lead a session at 4-H Discovery Day at the LE Phillips Memorial Library from 1:00-4:00. Set up is at 12:30PM. Please promote to your club members. Animal projects welcome!

4-H Discovery Day sign up

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# Volunteer Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

**March 13, 2026**

**6-9PM**

**Location: Extension Office**

**For Youth & Adults**



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## Volunteer Retreat--Save the Date!

Adult and Youth volunteers are encouraged to attend to learn more about themselves, how to work with others, and make plans for the coming 4-H year. March 13, 6-9PM at the Extension Office. More details, soon!

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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## 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](mailto:thesinjm@uwec.edu) or Rachel Hart-Brinson at [rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu](mailto:rachel.hartbrinson@wisc.edu) for more information.





## OYC Meeting January 5

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

### STATE 4-H EVENTS



## WONDERS WITHIN WOOD

*Carving and Design Distance Learning Kit*

**Audience:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up  
**Register By:** Jan 5th in 4HOnline  
**Cost:** \$5

**Participants will get to:**

- Explore how people first began thinking about and making carvings by using several different art mediums
- Connect with carving traditions, and head outdoors to observe and journal
- Begin building green wood carving skills by shaping a flower from fresh wood

**Zoom with our Artist in Residence:** March 24 from 6:30-7:30 PM



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# Distance Learning Opportunity--Wonders Within Wood

Ready to carve out some creativity?

Join us for an exciting hands-on series designed for youth in 5th grade and up—and their trusted caregivers! Together, you'll dive into the art of green wood carving, exploring history, culture, and sustainability while building real-world skills.

In this interactive experience, you'll:

1. Discover how wood carving traditions have evolved over time
2. Learn the difference between green wood and dry wood
3. Practice selecting and harvesting sticks for carving
4. Gain basic carving skills and create your own wooden flower masterpiece

Before you start carving, check out our knife safety tips and get ready to work side-by-side with your caregiver. This series is all about connection, creativity, and community—with plenty of opportunities to share ideas and celebrate your progress online. Youth can Zoom with Artist Derek Brabender on March 10th to share their work.

Let's carve a path to new skills and future goals—together! Register by Jan. 5 in 4HOnline and pay the \$5 fee for the kit that includes an interactive curriculum guide, art supplies and an informational insert on selecting a good carving knife (not included).

4-H Online

**NEW**

**WINTER ACADEMY**

Registration now open

**FREE!**

Register now until January 11, 2026

Grades 8-10

**VIRTUAL**

• January 21, 2026  
• January 28, 2026  
• February 4, 2026

Positive Youth Development Institute  
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Winter Academy

A related program to "Summer Academy," but virtual... Registration is now open for the first ever Winter Academy! Winter Academy consists of three virtual sessions which provide youth with tools to set career and college goals, develop soft skills most important to employers, and build problem-solving skills. **By applying, youth agree to actively participate in all three sessions.** The sessions will not be recorded for viewing later. Once registration is closed, participants will receive a Zoom link, syllabus and materials needed to complete the sessions including a LEGO® Serious Play® Kit and a Clifton Strengths workbook for youth.

Winter Academy 2026 is limited to 20 youth participants and registration closes January 11, 2026. Registration is now open in 4HOnline for youth in grades 8-10. Completion of the Winter Academy program will earn participants a 30% coupon code off registration for Summer Academy in the same year.

4-H Online

## 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION

**4-H March 2026 Calendar Raffle**

**\$10.00 Ticket** with Cash Prizes from \$50 - \$400

**THANK YOU !**



**FOR SUPPORTING  
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY  
4-H PROGRAMS +  
SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**2026 Calendar Raffle**



**Ticket Cost: \$10.00**

Prizes drawn at 4:00 pm  
at Extension Eau Claire  
County, 227 1<sup>st</sup> St W,  
Altoona, WI 54720  
on dates shown.

**4-H Leaders Association – Eau Claire County**  
**227 1<sup>st</sup> St W, Altoona, WI 54720**

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 \$100	2	3 \$100	4 \$400	5 \$100	6	7 \$100
8 \$100	9	10 \$100	11	12 \$100	13	14 \$100
15 \$100	16 \$50 \$50	17 \$200	18	19 \$100	20 \$50 \$50	21 \$100
22	23	24 \$100	25	26 \$100	27	28 \$100
29	30	31 \$100 \$100 \$100				

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The 4-H Leaders Association is sponsoring a calendar raffle for March 2026. Proceeds support Eau Claire County 4-H Programs, 4-H Camp, and Scholarships for Educational Experiences.

We are asking 4-H families to help raise funds so that we can continue this work for the next generation of 4-H youth. We are having our 2nd Annual Calendar Raffle in March 2026. We are encouraging each 4-H family to sell at least 10 raffle tickets. This year's scholarship recipients will be asked to sell an additional 5 raffle tickets, which they were given at the County Banquet. Other 4-H families can get raffle tickets from their club leader. Scholarship recipients and club leaders will be asked to return raffle ticket stubs and money to me by Friday, February 20th or bring them to the Sarah Nelson Pancake Breakfast on February 22nd.



Checks can be made out to Eau Claire County 4-H Leaders. Please contact me with questions.

Wendy Duerkop, Leaders Association President, 715-579-0006

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## Next Meeting - January 13

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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