



Important Dates:

July 9	Upham Woods Day Trip for Camp Counselors
July 10	Walworth County Shoot Off, Triangle Sportsman's Club, East Troy
July 24	Walworth County hosting state Shooting Sports Certification Workshop
July 26	Senior Leaders' Association Meeting, Fairgrounds 4-H Picnic Shelter, <u>6:30 p.m.</u>
July 28	Steak Cookout Walworth County Fairgrounds, Activity Center 4-7 p.m.
August 17	Junior Foods Judging, see fairbook for times and details
August 19-20	Youth Building Judging, see fairbook for times and details
September 1-6	Walworth County Fair
September 7	Youth Building Checkout, 3-6 p.m.
October 3-9	National 4-H Week '21
October 5	4-H Open House event, Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center, times TBA

Current COVID-19 Related 4-H Meeting Guidance

Current guidance is available at this link: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>.

Effective June 2, all fully vaccinated Wisconsin 4-H staff, volunteers and participants are no longer required to wear masks during programs. We ask that individuals who are not fully vaccinated, including youth under 12, continue to wear masks. Staff and volunteers will not enforce mask wearing or ask for proof of vaccination for those not wearing masks. Masks may still be worn if preferred and individual masking choices should not be interpreted as an indicator of vaccination status.

- Outdoors: Physical distancing is no longer required outdoors for vaccinated people. Individuals who are not vaccinated should maintain 6 feet of physical distancing and, if physical distancing is not possible, wear a face covering.
- Indoors: There are no group size limits on indoor gatherings as long as a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing is able to be maintained, regardless of vaccination status.
- Transportation: Any individual who is not vaccinated should wear a face covering when driving or riding with others. Vehicle occupancy is recommended to be no more than 50 percent of capacity when traveling with an unvaccinated individual(s).

This updated policy applies to all Wisconsin 4-H programs including overnight programs, 4-H programs at county fairs and food stands. As a reminder, Wisconsin 4-H staff, volunteers and participants should continue to follow local public health guidance.

In-Person Meeting Record Keeping

In-person meeting record keeping continues to be required. If your club/group/project plans to meet in-person you must fill out a Google Form notifying us of your in-person programming and meetings. The form can be found by clicking [here](#). It is still important that you review program guidance as there are still parameters around programming that happens indoors. If you have questions please reach out to Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Club Leaders: If you have not submitted your club meeting plans for the summer please do so ASAP!

Club Enrollment Bills & Payment Reminder

The club bills have been mailed out to all primary General Leaders on June 24. A self-addressed, stamped envelope was enclosed with the bill to send payment to the Extension Office. Please make checks payable to Walworth County and payment is due by the end of the day **July 26th**.

Dairy Window Contest Winners

Congrats to this year's Dairy Month Window Display Contest Winners:

- 1st Place and \$50—Troy Center 4-H Club
- 2nd Place and \$30—Elkhorn 4-H Club!

Thank you to the Walworth County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this fun annual contest!

4-H Day Camp Update

Walworth County 4-H Day Camp was held at the fairgrounds on June 15-16 for 63 campers (grades 3-8) and 19 counselors. Both days began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 7:15 p.m. and featured a variety of favorite camp activities (arts and crafts, nature science and exploration, recreation, drama, and water carnival) led by members of the counselor team. Thank you to Walworth County Shooting Sports instructors Colin Horlacher and Richard Netzinger for leading two days of air rifle workshops, as well. Evening programs included slightly modified versions of beloved camp traditions such as a camp drama/dance night, whole group games, and a closing campfire. An "Animals of the World" program was also presented by the Racine Zoo Education Department. A huge thank you goes to all of the adult volunteers who stepped up to chaperone; their time and efforts were tremendously appreciated.

Upham Woods Day Trip

A day trip to Upham Woods is being planned for members of the 2021 counselor team, 4-H camp grads who were unable to finish out their experience in 2020, and a handful of prospective future 4-H camp counselors (to fill the bus) as an incentive to remain involved in the 4-H camping program into next year when attending resident camp as in past years is expected to resume. Event date is set for July 9. A huge thank you to our Walworth County 4-H Senior Leaders' Association for sponsoring this trip. A total of 22 youth can be accommodated on the bus under the current WI 4-H Covid travel guidance. A couple of grads are expected to drive separately to this event.

Bankers' Night '21

At the request of the Walworth County Business Association (WCBA), this year's Bankers' Night program looks like it will be more of a "Bankers' Award Program" than an event. Like last year, the WCBA is thinking that they will package up the awards by club and distribute them for leaders to pass out at local awards programs after the fair.

4-H Open House

Our annual county 4-H open house event is tentatively set for Tuesday, October 5, in the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center. Clubs will be asked to update their club profile pages in July to be shared that evening. More details will be forthcoming! If you have ideas for this year's event, please pass them along to Debbie or Janel! This year's event will coincide with National 4-H Week which is set for October 3-9, 2021.

Charters

A 4-H Charter indicates the 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes the 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes in accordance with laws and regulations established by Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- The purpose of the 4-H Charter is education, communication and accountability.
- All 4-H Clubs must be chartered

This year's Annual Financial Charter Report can be found on our website under the *Toolbox for Club Leaders* tab or at this link <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/06/Annual-Financial-Report-2021.pdf>. **The financial report is DUE to Janel Heidelmeier no later than Monday, September 27.**

Shooting Sports

Walworth County 4-H Shoot-Off: This year's Shoot Off will take place at Triangle Sportsman's Club on Saturday, July 10.

Shootings Sports Certification Workshops:

Saturday, July 24, 8AM to 5PM - Walworth County, Elkhorn and Delavan, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, rifle/air rifle, pistol/air pistol. Archery at Walworth County fairgrounds, pistol and rifle at Delavan Sportsmen's Club. Registration deadline is July 17.

Saturday, September 11, 8AM to 5PM - Wood County, Marshfield, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, rifle/air rifle, pistol/air pistol, shotgun. All disciplines except shotgun will be offered at the Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club. Shotgun will be at the Marshfield Trap and Skeet Club. Registration deadline is September 4.

Please Note: Volunteers who plan to become 4-H Shooting Sports leaders must allow time to become an approved 4-H leader in the county before they can register through 4-H Online.) Certification workshop registration is open to approved adult 4-H leaders only and they must be age 21. Pre-registration is required through 4-H Online at "Events". Fee: \$52 credit card payment at time of online registration

Certificate of Liability

The University of Wisconsin – Madison provides liability coverage for 4-H programs and activities. To obtain a certificate of liability insurance please submit a request to Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu subject line *Certificate of Liability*. The required information is outlined below.

- Where the event is being held
- Location of event
- Type of coverage proof requested
 - General Liability
 - Auto Liability
 - Other
- Beginning date of active coverage
- End date of active coverage
- Description of the activity being performed and under whose authority (leader in charge)?
- Other information that you'd like to share

Important to note: Extension staff and volunteers should allow three weeks for processing.

Spring '21 Outreach Summary

- The spring [*Discover 4-H*](#) project series was held in February and March for 113 youth from a 6-county area (20% from Walworth County). Participants completed age-appropriate kit-based hands-on activities related to *Food Science*, *Nature Science*, *Photography*, and *Art*. Workshops were conducted by Extension educators and program partners.
- A series of four kit-based hands-on project workshops were conducted weekly for ten third grade afterschool participants in Delavan during the month of March. Workshops were hybrid programs in which the 4-H Youth Development Educator instructed virtually for an in-person class facilitated by afterschool program adult facilitators.
- The eight-week 2021 season of the [*4-H Science Explorers: Scientists Live*](#) virtual careers series was hosted during March and April. The series targeted youth, grades 8-13, and aimed to quickly and meaningfully expose youth to a variety of STEM-related careers for consideration as they make their post-secondary plans. Recordings of the episodes will soon

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

be available for long-term viewing by additional participants and classroom teachers. A total of 42 program registrants (33% Walworth County), including two teachers, participated in this program weekly putting program reach at 336 overall contacts. 4-H Science Explorers programming is a collaborative effort between Walworth, Lafayette, and Crawford Counties, and UW-Madison BioTrek staff. Nine high school teachers (33% Walworth County) have accessed the 2020 recording reaching up to an additional 308 local youth.

- Twenty-one Walworth County classrooms hatched eggs as part of this year's [Walworth County 4-H Eggsploring Incubation Science Lab](#), reaching a total of 428 youth.
- The [4-H Science Explorers--Into the Lab](#) series consisted of five kit-based hands-on virtual workshops and was designed to 1) expose middle school youth to a variety of science fields; 2) showcase science as fun and achievable, and 3) grow youths' science content knowledge and skills. The program, held March 25-April 22, featured virtual "lab tours" focused on *Veterinary Science*, *Materials Engineering*, *Biotechnology*, and *Forensic Science* and engaged youth in utilizing suturing practice kits, building a simple triboelectric generator, extracting DNA from wheat germ, performing chromatography analysis and dusting for fingerprints. The program concluded with a virtual escape room challenge participants completed in small groups as a fun and interactive way of problem solving and reviewing concepts learned. A total of 29 youth participated (17 from Walworth County). Program partners included Dr. Christine Fortin, Center Hill Veterinary, Darlington; Tom Zinnen & Liz Jesse, UW-Madison Biotechnology Center; Jason Kawasaki, UW-Madison; and Tim Juedes, UW-Platteville. The program is sponsored, in part, by a grant from the WI 4-H Foundation.
- The [4-H Science Explorers--Night at the Museum](#) program for youth, grades 3-5, wrapped up on May 13. This three-session program was held face-to-face on two evenings and virtually on one. The program combined presentations by five museums with relative hands-on science activities designed to showcase science as diverse, fun, and achievable. Thirty-five youth (18 from Walworth County) grew "space seeds," engineered flowers, observed river otter behavior, tested the effects of oil pollution on natural objects, studied fossils, and built edible moon phase models as part of the experience. Sponsored, in-part, by the WI 4-H Foundation, this series was done in collaboration with Lafayette and Crawford Counties.
- The 2020 [4-H Science Explorers--Scientists Live](#) program was formally honored as the 2021 recipient of the *Specialty Award Excellence in STEM Team Award* by the *Wisconsin Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals* (WAE4-HYDP) on May 25. The fall, 2020 [Discover 4-H/Explore 4-H](#) program was honored by WAE4-HYDP as the 2021 recipient of the *Denise Miller National 4-H Innovator Award*. Both advanced for NC Regional award consideration.
- The ***Owl Encounter*** and ***Reduced to a Pulp 4-H Science Labs*** were conducted for 64 second graders at Turtle Creek School during April and May. These programs are designed to showcase science as fun and achievable while teaching science content and life skills. *Owl Encounter* engages youth in a fast-paced barn owl study coupled with owl pellet dissection. *Reduced to a Pulp* explores products and services trees provide and considers the value of recycling paper. It then engages youth in physically turning paper from a recycling bin into brand new paper using simple equipment.
- A 90-minute **science workshop event** was conducted for 22 Elkhorn Options homeschool students on May 26 at the Walworth County fairgrounds. All youth, grades K-8, participated in an age-appropriate tree workshop focused on sensory awareness and scientific descriptors of leaves and bark. Youth, grades K-3, also participated in a terrarium workshop while those in grades 4-8 learned about GPS and completed a geocaching scavenger hunt.