



Important Dates:

- Jan. 28 Clover University—Session #3, County Govt. Center, 9:30-11:10 a.m.
- Jan. 31 Camp Counselor Application Deadline, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Walworth County Junior Beef Weigh-in, Fairgrounds Calf Barn, 9 a.m.-noon
- Feb. 9 Camp Counselor Interview Night, County Govt. Center, 5-8 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Mini Maker Fair
- Feb. 23 4-H Camp Counselor Training, County Govt. Center, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Jr. Leaders' Assn Meeting—*DIY Craft Night*, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 6 Clover University—Session #4, County Govt. Center, 6:00-7:35 p.m.; Details TBA
- Mar. 15 4-H Camp Chaperone Training, County Govt. Center, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 21 4-H Camp Counselor Training, County Govt. Center, 6-8 p.m.

Mini Maker Faire

Walworth County 4-H has been invited to participate in the 4th annual Mini Maker Faire held at the Elkhorn Area High School on Saturday, February 18 from 9-4pm.

What is a Maker Faire? A “Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, projects. We call it the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth - a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness.” –Elkhorn Maker Faire website

We are seeking four clubs to take a two hour shift to showcase 4-H and different project related hands-on activities. Clubs are welcome to break the two hour shift into multiple shifts or sign-up for additional shifts. Each shift is responsible for staffing the booth with 4-5 people. If you have questions please reach out the Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Volunteer Training

Currently there are 116 adult volunteers who have not completed their volunteer enrollment in some capacity. Our office will be sending out an email reminder followed by a letter sent in the mail to those with outstanding enrollment requirements. Club leaders, once we pull that data please watch for a list specific to your club so you can also encourage individuals to complete their training, background checks, etc.

House of Pork

The county's fundraiser, the House of Pork, is still seeking leadership. It is crucial that leadership be solidified in order to maintain adequate funds coming into the program to support significant annual programming such as 4-H camp, Clover University, Officer Training, Scholarships, etc. It is encouraged that a team of individuals take on this responsibility. If you or someone you know is interested please reach out to Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Financial Account Authorization

Friendly reminder, it is required that each account have at least two unrelated people authorized on all accounts. Please be sure that your club or group has the two unrelated adults and one youth (optional) on each account.

Clover University

Walworth County 4-H is working on plans for three more **Clover University** workshop events--all slated to be held in the County Government Center. Each will offer 90- or 45-minute hands-on project-based workshops from which youth can choose to enhance their skills in current projects or explore new project areas of interest.

The 4-H staff are currently looking for teens and adults willing to teach workshops and assist with workshops/registration. Please contact Debbie Harris or Janel Heidelmeier at your earliest convenience to express interest. Instructors do NOT have to be screened 4-H volunteers.

Upcoming workshop dates include:

Date	Event Timeframe	Extension Staff to Contact to Express Willingness to Teach/Help
March 6 (Mon.)	6-7:30 p.m.	Debbie: deborah.harris@wisc.edu or 262-741-4959
April 20 (Thurs.)	6-7:30 p.m.	Janel: janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or 262-741-4960
June 15 (Thurs.)	6-7:30 p.m.	Debbie: deborah.harris@wisc.edu or 262-741-4959

Please watch for the *March Clover University* promo and sign-up coming in early February and encourage your club members and their friends to attend!

Still Recruiting Chaperones for Camp '23

Walworth County 4-H Camp is set for June 23-26, 2023 at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in the Wisconsin Dells. Counselor and camper applications will be available in December. Currently, we are continuing to seek both male and female adult chaperones for next summer's experience. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and fully screened enrolled 4-H volunteers. (Counselor alumni are asked to take at least two years off between counseling and chaperoning.)

We will need approximately 8 male and 7 female female chaperones (plus 4-H Staff) to support our camp group in 2023, and our goal is to identify all team members **by March 1**. Serving as a camp chaperone is fun, rewarding, and a great way to both support youth leaders and grow your adult connections in the program. Chaperones rarely teach at camp. Rather, they spend their days and evenings assisting counselors who are managing cabin groups or leading activities. They also have responsibilities for program set-up, clean-up, snack prep, and overnight cabin supervision. [For more information about chaperoning or to express interest](#), please contact Debbie Harris, deborah.harris@wisc.edu or 262-741-4959. We hope you'll consider spending a bit of your summer with us.

New 4-H Family Series '23

The 4-H is hosting a three-part New Family Series this year, rather than a stand-alone New Family Orientation session. The first session was held in January. Parts 2 and 3 will be **March 23** and **September 14** respectively. Part 2 will focus on fair prep and sign-up, as well as summer 4-H opportunities. The September event will focus on re-enrolling, record books, and celebrate the year of accomplishments. Details about both sessions will be forthcoming closer to the event dates. If you have new(ish) families in your 4-H clubs that fit this description, please help us make them aware of this upcoming opportunity.

Beef Weigh-in/Swine Tagging

Please direct youth in the beef and swine projects to the 4-H News Blog for links to information related to the projects and weigh-in/tagging for 2023. March 2 is the deadline to order swine tags/DNA envelopes.