



Important Dates:

- Sept. 28-29 4-H Science Explorers—Night at the Museum Overnight; Check-in: 11:40-11:55 a.m.
 - Oct. 2 4-H Executive Board Mtg, County Government Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **-Canceled**
 - Oct. 6-12 **National 4-H Week**
 - Oct. 9 [Explore 4-H Night Open House Event](#), Walworth County Fairgrounds, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Oct. 23 County 4-H Record Book Judging for Special Awards, County Govt. Center, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
 - Oct. 26 Jr. Leaders' Association Corn Maze Activity, Details TBA
 - Oct. 28 Jr. Leaders' Association Meeting, County Govt. Cntr, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Sr. Leaders' Association Meeting, County Government Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Nov. 4 Walworth County 4-H Livestock League Kick-off Mtg., County Govt. Cntr, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Nov. 15 4-H Awards Reception, Detail TBA
 - Nov. 28 Jr. Leaders' Association Holiday Party & Meeting, County Govt. Cntr, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Sr. Leaders' Association Meeting, County Government Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
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Charter Applications

Due date is approaching! As you work through completing the Annual Charter Application we encourage you to facilitate discussion and involve your membership in the process. This is an opportunity to actively engage members to be themselves, build connections, explore new opportunities, belong together, and discover skills.

To be authorized to use the 4-H Name and Emblem, all 4-H Clubs and Groups must complete the 4-H Charter Application online **by November 1, 2024**. Clubs and projects have received the link and supporting documents via email and mail.

If you have any questions please reach out to Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Enrollment Reminder

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H program year is now open! Members and volunteers must be enrolled for the new program year prior to attending meetings or participate in activities. Complete your enrollment ASAP, but **no later than December 1** to continue receiving correspondence from the Extension office; after December 1, the distribution list will be updated. When logging into 4honline.com, be sure to use the same profile information (email and password) that you used in the past. If you have forgotten your password, simply use the "reset password" feature to create a new one.

Please be aware that 4-H members may enroll up until May 1 to be eligible to show in Junior Division competitions at the *2025 Walworth County Fair*. That said, the sooner they sign up, the sooner they will receive 4-H communications. Our office does submit a list to the Walworth County Fair to verify enrollment. As we approach that deadline please remind families that they must be enrolled.

Club and project leaders, please enroll by October 1! Don't forget to set aside some time to complete any training that you may need to complete.

4-H Membership Dues

NOW ONLINE! Payment for 4-H membership will now be collected on 4honline at the time of enrollment. Families will have the option to pay by credit/debit card or cash/check. If families choose to pay by cash/check their enrollments will not be approved until payment is received. They will have 10 business days to pay. If after 10 days payments have not been received their enrollments will be sent back and they will have to resubmit.

Updated Code of Conduct

The 4-H youth Code of Conduct has been updated. A copy is being provided as a simple reminder of the standard all participants are expected to follow. The Code of Conduct is signed annually by new and returning members. Expectations apply to all 4-H activities (i.e. in-person, social media, virtual meetings, etc.).

Fall Forum

Fall Forum, a statewide conference held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, gives youth and adults the opportunity to collaborate, communicate, and connect with others who love 4-H! This event offers interactive stations, workshops, a capnote speaker, and more for you to enjoy!

Who: youth grades 7-13 and adult volunteers

When: November 1-3, 2024

Where: Holiday Inn Conference Center, Stevens Point, WI

Registration is open NOW to September 30, 2024 in 4HOnline.

For more information, visit the [Fall Forum page](#) on the Wisconsin 4-H website.

Explore 4-H Night

Explore 4-H Night is set for October 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds Activity Center, Elkhorn. This fun, open house style event will offer parents and children the opportunity to sample 4-H through a variety of hands-on activities related to a number of projects such as arts and crafts, foods, horticulture, wildlife, and more! Additionally, participants will meet some new animal friends, can test their aim and learn all about 4-H shooting sports opportunities, and visit with 4-H members and adult volunteers who can fill them in about 4-H fun, friends, projects, meetings, and more! **Each 4-H club is asked to be present to represent their respective club and answer any questions families may have. If you are unable to attend as the club leader please recruit a representative that can stand in your place. Please encourage new 4-H families within your club to attend if they are able.** The event flier is available at [THIS LINK](#).

Leaders Organization

WI 4-H is working on building out a site dedicated to outlining the roles and responsibilities of 4-H Leader Organizations. The page has now been published and as additional information is shared we will revisit the site to make sure the Association is in alignment. The website can be found at [THIS LINK](#).

2024-2025 Updated Policies

Annually WI 4-H provides any update related to policies that are new or have been updated for the new program year. Please take some time to review the document and reach out if you have any questions. Policy updates can be found at [THIS LINK](#).

A few highlights are:

- 4-H Name, Emblem, and Records
- Financial Management related to debit and credit cards
- Behavior Concerns Report
- Updated Code of Conduct

4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING-HELPERS WELCOME!

4-H Record Book Judging night will be **Wednesday, October 23rd** in the County Government Center. On this evening, we'll be selecting "special county award winners" such as Outstanding Achievement Award recipients, the Elaine Papcke Award recipient, Key Award recipients, and more! Come when you can between **5:30 and 9:00 p.m.** to assist. Dinner will be provided. If you plan to help out, please let Debbie Harris (262-741-4959 or deborah.harris@wisc.edu) know by October 21st so she can include you in the meal count. Many hands make light work. Your participation consideration is appreciated.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2024

Our **2024 4-H Science Explorers--Night at the Museum** overnight is happening Sept. 28-29 at the *Burpee Museum of Natural History and Discovery Center Museum* in Rockford, IL. We have a full bus and then some, with 28 youth participants, 11 youth counselors, and 6 adult chaperones (including Debbie Harris) attending. During the event, participants will engage in a number of exciting activities including a *Fossils and Dinos Guided Tour and Workshop*, a *Space Explorers Workshop*, a planetarium show, free time to explore both museums and complete a scavenger hunt, and more! Of course, we'll also be sleeping amongst the *Discovery Center Museum* exhibits, which is pretty cool all by itself. A big thank you goes out to the *Junior Leaders' Association*, *Senior Leaders' Association*, and *4-H Futures Committee* for helping to make this unique opportunity available to our 4-Hers.

4-H DAY CAMP 2024 WRAP-UP

This year's county 4-H Day Camp was highly successful reaching 60 youth participants, grades 2-6. The program was supported by 18 youth leaders who kept the day moving on schedule, provided down time entertainment for participants, and worked hard to ensure that campers had a seamless positive experience. Fifteen amazing chaperones and instructors led highly engaging National Park-themed activities that involved participants in building a take home scrapbook of the days journey, exploring the Yellowstone food web, crafting Everglades alligators, taking aim at Grand Teton history, playing Yosemite-based games (and more), designing Smoky Mountain collages, making Arches 2-D artwork, and mixing up Acadia blueberry muffins. Thank you SO VERY MUCH to everyone who helped out.

Youth leaders included: Matthew Markham, Elsa Harrmann, Sarah Tanis, Natalie Baumeiester, Maddie Albrecht, Della Schutt, Jaena Baumeister, Isela Elverman, Katherine Crudden, Riley Elverman, Rosemary Markham, Claire Holmes, Judy Rodriguez, Rose Nelson, Adeline Berg, Amber Trampe, and two exchange students.

Chaperones and instructors included: Ashley Baumeister, Renee Rieck, Caroline Cornelison, Colin Horlacher, Edward Hayden, Madison Strickler, Ryan Gustisha, Katie Doane, Nancy Lee, Laura Leedle, Madison Markham, Dick Netzinger, Laura Zaraza, and Dee Dee Giovingo.

Clover University

Walworth County 4-H is working on plans for *four 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 Janel Heidelmeier or Debbie Harris at your earliest convenience to express interest. Instructors do NOT have to be screened 4-H volunteers.

2024-2025 workshop dates include:

Date	Event Time	Extension Staff Contact to Express Willingness to Teach/Help
December 10 (Tues)	6-7:30 p.m.	Janel: janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or 262-741-4960
January 25 (Sat)	9:30-11 a.m.	Debbie: deborah.harris@wisc.edu or 262-741-4959
February 19 (Wed)	6-7:30 p.m.	Janel: janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or 262-741-4960
March 20 (Thurs)	6-7:30 p.m.	Debbie: deborah.harris@wisc.edu or 262-741-4959

If you are available to help teach a class, with check-in, or as a room helper at the December 10th Clover U, please reach out to Janel Heidelmeier.