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Lafayette County 4-H



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Visit The New Wisconsin 4-H Website

It's new! It's full of information! Find it at this link! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

4-H FAQs Related to COVID-19

This FAQ is also available on the Wisconsin 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

WI 4-H State Art Team Applications – DUE January 15th (Youth 9-13 Grades Eligible to Apply)

We are excited to announce that applications for the 2021 WI 4-H State Art Teams are now open! The teams include Drama Company, Art Team, and Communications Team. Each of the teams provide unique opportunities for youth leaders to further develop their leadership skills, engage with others from around the state and explore the arts in new and meaningful ways with the support of positive and caring adults.

This year's State Art Teams will be virtual!! After a year of learning and growth and a successful State Team Week in 2020, we are already planning new ways to engage, share and grow together virtually in 2021. Youth interested in applying, must be available for our Virtual Spring Planning Weekend, April 9-11, 2021 and for our Virtual State Team Week, June 14-18, 2021. We do understand that virtual is not for everyone AND our team is committed to ensuring that IF team members open their hearts and minds, they WILL have an incredibly positive and impactful experience.

Applications for the State Arts Teams are now open in 4HOnline through January 15th, 2021. Each application has different requirements. Please review the information on our website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>, including the introduction letter and position descriptions. These provide more information on the applications and what is expected of applicants. Feel free to reach out to [Amber Rehberg](#) or [Justin Lieck](#) with any questions. You can also find the State Arts Team Director Contact Information on the position description pages.

Statewide 4-H Virtual Game Night is January 15th!!

Connect with 4-H'ers from around Wisconsin on January 15th at 7 p.m. for a fun and exciting game night! We'll play multiple virtual games and hopefully learn a few things to take back to your clubs. Register at this

link- https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpceyqqT8uGNx-v6btnLrth_Qff4AlyA-U You won't want to miss it!



National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science Nominees Sought

I would like to support a Columbia County nominee(s) to the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science. If you're interested in participating, please contact Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu and let's see if you qualify to attend the [virtual National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science](#) on March 5-7th, 2021!

Chosen youth will commit to participating in a pre-summit meeting, attend the national summit, and work with the team over a series of virtual meetings to develop a community action plan (CAP) addressing a relevant community issue related to waste management and/or ag sustainability. They will also have the opportunity to learn and engage with Brightmark, a Wisconsin-based company focused on agricultural sustainability.

Four youth (grades 9-12) from Wisconsin will be selected to receive a full scholarship to attend this summit and represent Wisconsin as they interact with youth from across the country. Brightmark financially supports this opportunity. Lori Wick may make just one nomination for Lafayette County and the nomination must be submitted by January 25th so contact her now at lori.wick@wisc.edu

4-H Leaders Meeting will be February 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Please watch for a ZOOM link closer to the meeting date!

Area 17 4-H Officer/Member Leadership Workshop

Encourage your officers and/or interested members to attend this year's leadership workshop!

Registration/Information Link:

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/2020/12/17/4-h-club-officer-training-january-25-2021/>



Update From The WI State 4-H Program On 2021 National 4-H Educational Travel Experiences

Due to the uncertainty regarding COVID-19, National 4-H Council, with support and guidance from national Extension leadership, including the 4-H Program Leaders Working Group, has decided that 2021 National 4-H Educational Travel Experiences will not be held in person. In addition to National 4-H Council's announcement, Wisconsin has made the decision that Space Camp and the American Spirit Experience will not be held in person in 2021. See list for specific updates:

- 2020 National 4-H Congress – Canceled
- Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inauguration – Canceled
- National Youth STEM Summit – Virtual
- National Youth Healthy Living Summit – Virtual
- National Youth Agri-Science Summit – Virtual
- National Youth Photography Summit – Canceled
- Citizenship Washington Focus – Virtual

- Leadership Washington Focus – Virtual
- National 4-H Conference – Virtual
- Space Camp – No Wisconsin Delegation
- American Spirit Experience – Canceled
- 2021 National 4-H Congress – To Be Determined (Does Not Meet at National 4-H Conference Center and is held in November)

The timing of the decision was intended to provide clear direction for county and state programs in the promoting and planning stages and to allow National 4-H Council and their teams time to focus on creating high quality virtual experiences. Several important factors and considerations guided the decision to move from in-person to virtual:

- Health and safety of youth, adults, staff and volunteers is a primary concern
- Equitable access for all youth at national events; currently 50% of Land Grant Universities have restricted travel and many have indicated continued restrictions through Summer of 2021
- Challenge of retrofitting the National 4-H Conference Center to meet social distancing requirements
- Opportunity to invest in virtual capabilities and leverage innovation from Extension and youth.

The Wisconsin decision that Space Camp and the American Spirit Experience will not be held in person in 2021 was based on the registration timelines, uncertainty of external vendors and partner services and resources needed to plan and facilitate safely based on information currently available. The decision was also made out of respect to 4-H members and leaders with regard to the time they invest in applying, fundraising and preparing for the experiences. Moving forward, committees will explore whether virtual options or other opportunities are possible. The Wisconsin 4-H Program is committed to work with youth leaders, adult volunteers and staff to reimagine educational experiences for 2021. A committee has already started to reimagine Youth Conference, and although we do not know if it will be on campus, we do know that we will offer an experience for youth leaders to engage, connect and learn with youth from around the state!

WI 4-H values educational travel experiences and the impact they have on participants; providing unique and special opportunities for leadership, citizenship and life skill development. We understand that this announcement will be disappointing for many and may raise a lot of questions and concerns. Although it is challenging, a commitment to providing safe, quality educational experiences for all young people is at the heart of all decisions being made.



What Has Your 4-H Club Been Doing?

We would like to know what your club members have been doing! Please submit photos, or stories about club activities. We will put these into our January Newsletter! Email them to lori.wick@wisc.edu. Thanks!

The 4-H Ambassadors helped share the joy of the season by putting together 75 snack bags for the residents of Sienna Crest and the Manor. The contents of the bags included: string cheese, crackers, and they were attached to a home-made card, created by the 4-H Ambassadors.

Discover 4-H

All youth invited to register & join us on ZOOM!

Four Weeks on Thursdays
 February 18 - March 11, 2021
 Grades 3-5 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Grades 6-8 @ 7:15 p.m.



Four Projects	Gr 3-5	Gr 6-8
• Food Science:	Brownies	Yeast Breads
• Art:	Recycled Art	Barn Quilts
• Photography:	Camera Basics	Take a Better Photo
• Nature Science:	Fish Hotels	Let's Go Fishing

Cost: \$10.00 per youth which includes a kit with most supplies to complete all activities in age group!

Deadline to Register: January 20, 2021

To register: <https://bit.ly/Discover4HWinter21Reg>

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lori Wick, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Lafayette County
lori.wick@wisc.edu
 (608) 776-4820




4-H 2020-2021 program. Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all.

Discover 4-H (Round 2) . . .
 Register by January 20,
 2021

Encourage members –
 and invite non-
 members to join us for
 “Discover 4-H”!

Lafayette County Fair Beef Weigh-ins – December 19, 2020

Please visit the fair link for more information. All weights and contact information was collected at the weigh-ins. If you have not seen a copy of the weights, please contact Peter Whitcomb or Kari Ruf.

<http://www.lafayettecountyfair.org/BeefWeighIns2021.pdf>

Extension Program Guidance & Approval Forms for Face to Face Gatherings:

Whenever people are gathering in the name of 4-H, there needs to be an approved plan. 4-H members and leaders may be allowed to hold face-to-face gatherings in pods of 10 people or less and up to 50, but only if pods of 10 or less are arranged for. To accomplish this and receive approval, the following steps **MUST** be taken **BEFORE** the gathering occurs. Please contact Lori Wick for a “checklist” to fill out for program approval. Once approval is received, the gathering may proceed. Following the gathering, a contact log must be submitted with names of all who were in attendance. Contact Lori to get an approval checklist form, please. Lori.wick@wisc.edu or cell: (608) 482-2215. Thanks!

The Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community in 2021

The Virtual Learning Community is a group of staff, volunteers, and youth members from across the state that are working to provide high quality virtual learning opportunities to people all across Wisconsin. They work to find instructors from different content areas to provide unique learning opportunities to 4-H members and other youth in Wisconsin. They looking for instructors that will help bring project learning, trainings, hands-on activities, presentations, and more to you! The community will help instructors adapt their content for a virtual setting and help them make it engaging for youth and adult participants. It is the community’s hope that you find something engaging to participate in! You can find the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community and check out their schedule of events at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>.

The Virtual Learning Community team is also looking for activities to add to their calendar and share Statewide! Do you have a topic area you are interested in sharing your expertise in, or do you know of someone who would be interested in teaching? You can **submit your activity** and

the committee will review it and help you get your activity up and running! Committee members are willing to work with you on your activities no matter your experience level in teaching. If you're not quite sure, resources for helping with submissions are available on the website.

Submit your activity to lead

here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2idXsm8tPCVGILz. With the easy to use back button, you can explore the submission form to learn a little more about the types of sessions and content.

Community Service Project Idea—Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

It's on the news every day – residents in senior living facilities and nursing homes are lonely and depressed. Why not schedule an outdoor 4-H event, with pods of 10 or less, to go and “build a snowman” or “just play in the snow” outside the windows of your local senior living facility? Once approval of the facility is granted, next steps include completing an Extension Program Planning Checklist and getting it approved. Lori Wick will be happy to help any leader complete this form to gain approval from the Wisconsin 4-H Program Manager for a no-contact, outdoor 4-H event.

Youth Sought to Showcase Their Livestock Lessons – Create Lesson and Submit To Contest

Great news! The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program is accepting the next round of Livestock Lessons through March 5, 2021. The potential topics for your lessons are endless! We would love for you to submit your 4-H demonstrations, FFA public speaking entries, any videos and written work that aligns with work you are already doing. This time period will allow us to see you talk about acquiring your animal project or caring for newborn animals. No matter what topic you choose, remember the most impactful presentations are both accurate and engaging. Be creative, be funny, be serious, just be you! Think about something you have learned in your animal science project or something you enjoy doing and prepare to share it.

Round 2 of the Wisconsin Livestock Lessons will include the following ways for youth to share their work:

For grades 3-8: (only one submission per category)

1. An oral video presentation.
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA).

For grades 9-13: (only one submission per category)

1. An oral video presentation.

2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA).
3. SAE Project Slides

The Livestock Lessons contest is open to all youth who are interested in animal projects. Submitted entries will be divided into the following categories for judging: Junior (grades 3-5); Intermediate (grades 6-8); and Senior (grades 9-13). Grades are based on the 2020-2021 school year. **Oral Video Presentations, Public Service Announcements (PSA), and SAE Google Slides must be submitted by March 5.** The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels and other media outlets.

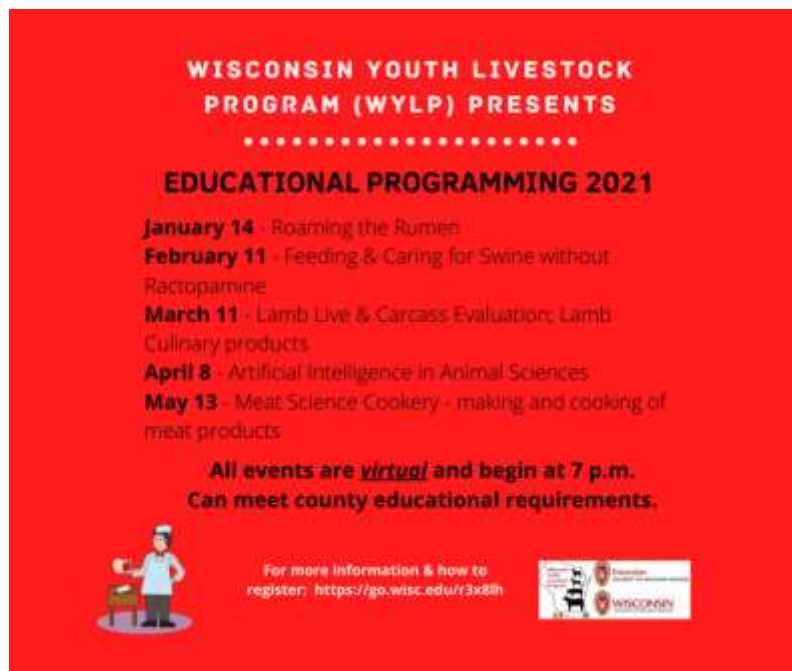
Additional program information and how to submit your Livestock Lessons can be found by going to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program site at the link here - <https://bit.ly/LivestockLessons>. If questions, contact Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu, UW Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program Offers Educational Programs Beginning in January 2021

As advertised below, the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email.

For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events listed above, please go to: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>. You will also find an educational verification form at this website. Complete an educational verification form for each program you participate in and then turn the form(s) in with your educational card entries next summer when submitting an entry into the Columbia County Livestock Committee's Learn More Challenge program.

For more information visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/> or contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@wisc.edu.



Pasty Sales –

Thanks to the 4-H members who sold pasties this year! We had a great sale. Total sales were: \$3127.50 coming back to the 4-H Leaders' and the 4-H clubs that participated.

Each member of a club earned .50 per pasty sold for their club!

Day in the Arts

Mark your calendar: March 21, 2021 for the Day in the Arts! Area 17 will be conducting a virtual day, with youth able to participate in various events.

[Find out more information](#)

[Registration Link](#)

2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2021. To be considered for

financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Monday, March 15, 2021.**

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2021-2022 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page resume and a one-page cover letter, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job. Cover letters and resumes must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships.

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

The Wisconsin 4-H Movement (free coloring book download)

This fall 4-H youth from across the state were encouraged to submit drawings of what belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery look like to them in 4-H. Amy Mangan-Fischer, Washington County 4-H Educator, facilitated the contest. Youth from Barron, Columbia, Dodge, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Outagamie, Racine, and Washington County participated. The coloring book can be downloaded free of charge and can be found here.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E7RrWP3MpTkb51ZDdDo0pz4iV_S8NVxq/view

Our Office Has Moved! New Address: 1900 Ervin Johnson Drive

**We are located in the USDA building, with Land
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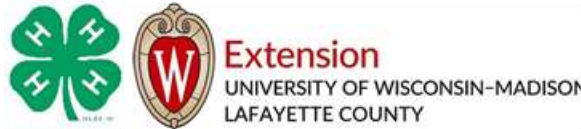
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