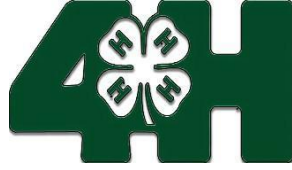


September Family Digest

Lafayette County 4-H



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Visit The 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/>

4-H Guidance for COVID activities (as of 8-5-2021)

Program Guidance Update from the Wisconsin 4-H Program and Positive Youth Development Institute:

- **Updated Guidelines can be found at:** <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/wisconsin-4-h-covid-19-policy/>
- When there is more restrictive local guidance, follow that rather than state 4-H guidance.

Virtual Learning Community Sessions

Check out the Virtual Learning Community! 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. You can find the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community and check out their calendar at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>

You'll register using your family "member list" in 4-H Online. . . more virtual opportunities will be available this fall! Bookmark the site for easy use.

Wisconsin 4-H Needs YOU! Applications NOW Available for WLC

Are you interested in building leadership in others? Do you enjoy planning and organizing? Do you get excited about working with a team of youth and adults to make a difference?

Have you served on or chaired county committees...been a county Ambassador...youth leader...adult mentor...taught countywide workshops...served as a camp counselor...been on Teen Court...worked with afterschool programs...worked on a team of youth and adults to plan workshops????

If you said YES, then you may want to consider applying to be on the Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council. This may be an experience you would enjoy and you could contribute on a statewide level. Use the link below to find out more information.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2021/08/18/wisconsin-4-h-needs-you-applications-now-available-for-wlc/>

National 4-H Week – Toolkit – Find Your Spark!

What's your spark in 4-H? National 4-H Council has just released the 2021 National 4-H Week Toolkit. The theme: Find your Spark, includes a video (watch it below), posters and animations.

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in your communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. This toolkit is designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week on social media, in your community and beyond.

Follow the link for more information: <https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/>

Hopes for 2022 – Create Your Virtual Quilt Square



Do you like to sew, quilt, paint, create? Join the Fun! All youth and adult quilters, sewing and fiber artists are invited to contribute to this year's virtual community quilt, hosted by 4-H and The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.

This year's theme is "Hopes for 2022". As we all know, 2020 and 2021 presented some significant challenges and opportunities for growth. At times we struggled, and at times we surprised ourselves with our ability to adapt. What do you hope to see in 2022? It can be what you wish for your family, yourself, your local community, our country, or even what we can achieve globally. No hope is too big or too small.

[Virtual Community Quilt – Fourward Together](#) – Check out last year's quilt and see how to enter! Fiber arts square or quilt block must be 6-1/2-inches square and should represent your hopes for 2022. It can be stitched, pieced, appliquéd, painted, beaded, mixed or other. Submit your virtual block by September 1!

The 4-H and Great Wisconsin Quilt Show virtual community quilt will featured on quiltshow.com/digitalquilt from September 9-11 as part of the virtual experience. You'll also be able to scroll through and read stories from participants across the country who share their hopes for 2022.

JOANN Stores Discount Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming.



4-H Leaders Meeting will be in September .



More information will be sent out closer to the meeting! This meeting is open to ALL Volunteer Leaders in Lafayette County 4-H, so please contact your Organizational Leader if you would like to attend.

Fourward Together with Chris Clover

Join Chris Clover as they take a journey this summer throughout Wisconsin! Are you building connections at 4-H Camp? What new skills are you discovering at project exploration days? Have you given back to your community by caring for a community garden? How are you living the #WI4HMovement!

Snap a photo – We want to hear from you!

Share how you or your club are living out the Wisconsin 4-H Movement.

[Download and print](#) your own Chris Clover and then take them with you on your 4-H adventures this summer.

Open to all current Wisconsin 4-H members (5 year old kindergarten through grade 13).

Your submissions may be featured on the Wisconsin 4-H website, social media pages, and other promotional materials.

Submissions are being accepted June 15 – September 15, 2021 to be entered in a random drawing to win one of 4 really awesome prizes!

[Click here](#) for all submission details and our promotion details to learn more.

Remember – tag #wi4hmovement if you post on social media to share the fun!

Save the Date: November 6, 2021 – Fall Forum!



We're excited to meet with youth leaders and adult volunteers throughout the state for a one day face-to-face Fall Forum.

Consider submitting a session for Saturday afternoon (50 minutes or 100 minutes). We would love to have youth leaders, adult volunteers plan and lead sessions.

Things to Know:

Location is being finalized.

Program will include interactive sessions and keynote speakers.

Youth 7th – 13th grade, adult volunteers and staff are encouraged to attend.

Plan for a team from your area!

Lodging and breakfast will be available for you to book on your own if you want to arrive the evening before.

Registration will open in early September.

\$65 registration fee (includes lunch and dinner, break, supplies, t-shirt, facility and program costs).

Our hope is that 4-H youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff will come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and continue building excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H learning!

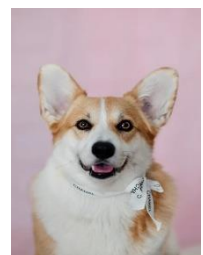
Animal Science – Dog Project

State Dog Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, and Dog Bowl - Tomah, WI - August 20-22

Click on the link below for more information!

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-dog-obedience-and-showmanship-show/>

**If you know someone who would like to become the Lafayette County 4-H Dog Leader, please contact the Extension Office at (608) 776-4820. The potential for great youth outreach is here!!



4-H Educational Travel Opportunities - Emails Coming to your In-boxes!

Several opportunities have just been announced by the Wisconsin State 4-H Office and you will be receiving email information related to them. The Lafayette Co. 4-H Leaders Board supports offering sponsorships to youth who might apply to attend.

Watch for details related to the following:

- Virtual Citizenship Washington Focus – organized by the National 4-H Council
- Regional Youth Conference – to be held in-person at 6 or more sites across Wisconsin
- National 4-H Congress – planned to be in-person in November in Atlanta, GA



Year-Three Cloverbud Lesson Plans Available

Our year-three lesson plans for Cloverbud are now available. We are excited for this installment of learning activities for youth in five-year-old kindergarten through second grade. These lesson plans follow our experiential learning model and include materials and supplies which are affordable and accessible for all. You can download the lesson plans on the [Cloverbuds website](#). Click the Unlock Activities button. That will take you to a short survey. After you complete the survey, you'll be able to view the materials.

2021-22 4-H Charter Application Now Available

Lafayette County 4-H Leaders – get ready for a new 4-H year!

The NEW 2021-22 4-H Charter Application is now available on the Wisconsin 4-H Charter Application website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/volunteer-resources/administrative/charter/>

This new version of the 4-H Charter Application has been converted into an online format making the process easier. With just a few clicks and no signatures needed, you can complete the online form in less than 15 minutes! Ask your club or group leader how you can work together to plan for the 4-H year!

As a reminder, the 4-H Charter indicates that a 4-H Club or Group is organized in accordance with the objectives of the Wisconsin 4-H program. The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension grants 4-H Charters which formally authorizes a Wisconsin 4-H Club or Group to use the 4-H Name and Emblem for educational purposes.

Welcome to a New 4-H year!

The Lafayette County 4-H Ambassadors would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year in style . . . BINGO style! During 4-H week, members will have the

opportunity to participate in a “trip through Lafayette & Iowa Counties” – virtually. If you choose to participate, your name will be put into a drawing for some great prizes! More information will be out later in September. Please watch your emails.

Barn Quilts

The Lafayette County 4-H Ambassadors are inviting your club to participate in a 4-H Barn Quilt activity. The purpose of this activity is to create some unique quilts, representing your 4-H club. These quilts will be exhibited at the Lafayette County Fair in 2022. This is one more way “we” would like to help you show your pride in Lafayette County 4-H. There will be no cost for the clubs, just a little elbow grease and some imagination for patterns. Supplies and a full introduction to the activity will be sent out to each 4-H Club Leader in later September, for an “October Kick-off” of the new 4-H year.

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

**We are located in the USDA building, with Land
Conservation/Planning & Zoning.**

Helpful Links:

Visit UW-Extension Website for more information at:

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/>

Facebook Fan? Find Extension at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LafayetteCountyUWExtension/>



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