

The Lafayette Marquee

4-H Newsletter

August 2023

As the 2022-2023 4-H year is winding down let us step back for a moment and reflect on the experiences and projects that youth were able to ignite their SPARKS in and grow in over the past year!

A newer model within 4-H is the Thriving Model, as you'll see on page 14. The Thriving Model "is a researched-based model predicting that youth who participate in 4-H programs that provide high-quality developmental context will thrive, and thriving youth achieve key developmental outcomes," as stated by Wisconsin 4-H Division of Extension. At the base of the 4-H Thriving Model Flower is developmental context (4-H Programs) with four areas of focus: Sparks, Belonging, Relationships, and Engagement. In order for a flower to grow and eventually bloom it needs to have a solid start with strong roots, healthy soil, and to be cared for. County-level 4-H programs are the roots and soil for youth to succeed. With a solid start at the local level with nurtured SPARKS, a sense of belonging, developing relationships, and engaged volunteers and youth, youth will grow.

Beyond growing, youth will develop a strong stem, bud, and eventually bloom as the flower model presents, but it all starts with solid soil and strong roots. The volunteers that give of their time and talents to further grow and support the county programs are instrumental. In the end, if youth are not surrounded by volunteers that are rooted in positive youth development to grow the program then their growth will be directly affected. Think back...where did you or your youth thrive this year? Where would you like to see more thriving opportunities as the 2023-2024 4-H year is quickly approaching?

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4-H EVENTS

Calendar of Events



August 2023	1	4-H Club & Group AFR Process OPENS
	1	4-H Club & Group Charter Applications OPEN
	3-13	Wisconsin State Fair
	20	Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Association Meeting (6:00 pm ~ Multi-purpose Bldg)
	31	AFRs DUE to Lafayette County Extension Office
September 2023	1	4-H Re-enrollment & Enrollment window OPENS (4H Online) for 2023-2024 4-H year
	1	Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest OPENS
	5	4-H Record Books Due to Lafayette County Extension Office (700 Main St.)
	9	Make It With Wool Competition (WI Sheep and Wool Festival, Jefferson, WI)
	9-10	WI 4-H Horse Gymkhana
	15-17	WI 4-H Horse Expo
	30	WI Beef Council & WI4-H Foundation 2023 Beef Promotion Contest Entries DUE
November 2023	1	4-H Re-enrollment CLOSES for CURRENT members
	1	4-H Club & Group Charter Applications DUE
	1	WI 4-H Foundation CELEBRATE the ARTS Art Contest OPENS
	15	Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest CLOSES
December 2023	1-31	4H Online Registration OPENS for Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C.
January 2024	10	WI 4-H Foundation CELEBRATE the ARTS Art Contest CLOSES
February 2024	2	4-H Enrollment CLOSES for NEW members

4-H Pledge/FtFH

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
And my health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

Health stands for healthy lifestyles, character, ethics, stress management and disease prevention. Our programming empowers youth to be healthy – body and mind – with the skills to make healthy decisions and lead healthy lifestyles. Having the confidence and skills to lead healthy lifestyles not only improves overall well-being; it enables youth to tackle life’s challenges today and become leaders in their lives, careers and communities as they grow into responsible adulthood.

Fill the Floral Hall

- * Next Gatherings: Fall 2023
- * Open to ALL Youth & Adults
- * Focused fair project worktime
- * We’ll provide the space, time, and skilled expertise
- * Check Extension’s website and the Facebook page
- * If you are interested in leading a project area, please reach out to the Extension Office OR Lynnette Boatman at lhboatman@gmail.com

WI 4-H State Opportunities

The 36th Anniversary - Pullet Surprise Youth Essay Contest

-An EGGstra-ordinary opportunity for young people with an interest in poultry.



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IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE THE BREEDING AND EXHIBITION OF PUREBRED POULTRY AMONG WISCONSIN'S YOUTH, THE WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL POULTRY CLUB INVITES INTERESTED YOUTH TO APPLY FOR THE PULLET SURPRISE ESSAY CONTEST.

The winners in each of the two categories will receive the following prizes: a pair of show quality purebred fowl, an incubator, a standard cage, feed, a copy of the American Standard of Perfection, a one-year membership in the WIPC, and a wooden poultry carrier. All awards will be presented at the 2023 Wisconsin International Poultry Show in Portage, WI on September 23, 2023. The birds awarded will be provided by the members of the Wisconsin International Poultry Club.

CONTEST RULES

1. Entries will be divided into two groups. **Age as of January 1, 2023.** **Junior:** 8-12 **Senior:** 13-18
2. Each applicant must submit an entry of 500 words or less on one of the following topics:
 Why I Want To Raise Exhibition Poultry
 Raising Poultry—It's A Family Affair
 My Most Memorable Moment In Poultry
 An Original Poultry Poem
 Any Poultry Story- Fact Or Fiction
 entries that exceed 500 words will not be considered.
3. Applicants must send their entry along with their address, phone number, email address, birth date, and a parent's or guardian's signature postmarked by **August 15, 2023** to:
WIPC-Kaylyn Schleicher 3724 Union Dane Rd. Brooklyn, WI 53521.
4. Winners will be selected by a judge selected by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club. **All decisions are final & winners will be notified by September 1, 2023.**
5. Winners and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are **required** to attend the award presentation to be held during the youth show at the 2023 Wisconsin International Poultry Show on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage, WI.

Pullet surprise essay contest awards provided by:

Pair of Show Quality Purebred Poultry: WIPC members
Incubator: Pam Eber, friend & exhibitor of the WIPS
Standard Cage: Keipper Cooping, manufacturer of collapsible coops and cages
Bag of Feed: Nutrena Feed, sponsor of feed at WIPS
American Standard of Perfection: Wisconsin Poultry & Egg Association, longtime contest supporter
1 year WIPC Membership: Wisconsin International Poultry Club
Wooden Poultry Carrier: Lund Poultry, friend & exhibitor of the WIPS

For contest questions please contact Kaylyn Schleicher at lundpoultry@yahoo.com or 608-289-5406

Avian Quiz Bowl

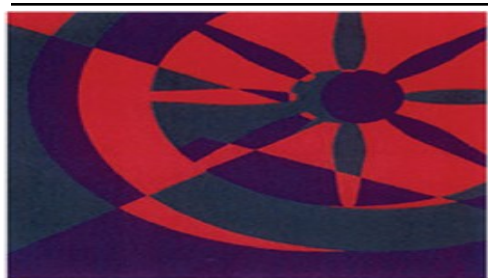


When: Saturday, September 23, 2023
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Where: Columbia County Fair Grounds

More information can be found at:

<https://national4hpoultry.ca.uky.edu/content/avian-bowl>

WI 4-H State Opportunities (cont'd)



WISCONSIN SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL

Wisconsin Make It With Wool Competition

Saturday, September 9th, 2023

Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center, Jefferson, WI

Entry Deadline - Postmarked by August 25, 2023

<https://wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com/competitions/all-about-miww>



36th Annual Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana

When: **September 9-10, 2023**

Where: **State Fair Park, West Allis, WI**

Wisconsin State 4-H Gymkhana is an annual horse and pony competition for youth in grades 6th-13th featuring speed pattern racing events including: Cloverleaf Barrels, Flag Race, Plug Race, Pole Bending, LT Special, and Key Races.

This event is a fun and challenging opportunity for 4-H Youth to showcase their skills and connect with other 4-H members from across the state.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-4-h-gymkhana/>

WI 4-H State Opportunities (cont'd)

58th Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo

September 15-17, 2023 - Wisconsin State Fair Park; West Allis, WI

The State 4-H Horse Expo is an annual event for all youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program and draws crowds of over 900 youth and 700 horses. Youth participate in a wide variety of competitions and projects focused on horse experience and terminology. Projects include arts, creative writing, and drawing.



Horse Show classes include: Draft Showmanship, Cones, Pleasure Driving, Reinsmanship Pony, Horseless Horse Walk, Saddle Seat, Hunt Showmanship, Western Showmanship, and Trail Riding.

More details can be found at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-horse-expo/>



National 4-H Congress

When: November 24-28, 2023; Atlanta, GA

Who: Youth currently enrolled in Grades 9-12 (grades 10-13 for the 2023-24 4-H year)

Registration: July 5 - August 1, 2023 (4H Online). Confirmation letters will be sent out in August 2023.

National 4-H Congress is a five-day Educational Experience held in Atlanta, GA. Congress is the **premiere** nation-wide event for 4-Hers to network with others from around the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. While at Congress, 4-Hers engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Highlights include educational workshops, exploring the city, international events, community service, educational tours, and the National Congress Gala.

You can learn more at <https://go.wisc.edu/727h67>

WI 4-H State Opportunities (cont'd)

2023 Beef Promotion Contest

Presented by:



<https://wis4hfoundation.org/wibeefcouncilcontest/>

The beef promotion contest has **three categories**:

1. How beef is raised (messages could include animal care, daily life on a farm, etc.)
2. How beef can fit into your lifestyle (nutritional benefits, beef cuts, recipes etc.)
3. Benefits of beef (sustainability, by-products, etc.)

A winner from each category will be chosen and a beef prize package will be presented to each 4-H member who contributed to the promotion creation. **DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.**

Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Creativity
 2. Educational Value
 3. Reach
 4. Teamwork
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Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor Naming Contest

When: September 1 through November 15, 2023

Who: Open to ALL Wisconsin 4-H Clubs

www.cedarcresticecream.com

(The link will be LIVE on September 1st.)

WI 4-H State Opportunities (cont'd)



Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides support for arts and communications programs that encourage youth to develop strong leadership, creative and communications skills. Each year the Foundation highlights 4-H artists through the Celebrate the Arts art contest.

We're busy getting materials ready for this year's contest, to run November 1, 2023-January 15, 2024. (Check back in August for submission requirements and how to enter.)



Fall Forum 2023



Fall Forum is a statewide conference that brings 4-H youth and adult leaders together to connect, collaborate, celebrate, and build excitement and energy for a new year of 4-H. It's a great opportunity for youth and volunteers to discover and explore their SPARKS and make new friends from all across the state.

When: November 4-5, 2023

Where: Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Who: Youth in grades 7-13

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/fall-forum/>

4-H Shooting Sports

Lafayette County Shooting Sports

Disciplines: Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle,
.22 Pistol, Shotgun/Trap



Gun Clinic Dates: Fall Dates to be announced in September 2023

Darlington Gun Club ~ 148 Gun Club Rd. Darlington, WI 53530

IF you are interested in participating, please make sure to ENROLL in the Shooting Sports Project Area; specifically, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, Trap, and **NEW**** this year .22 Pistol. Email communications will be sent to the parents of those youth who are enrolled in the project area(s). If you have questions, please reach out to the Extension Office to be placed on the rosters to receive the email notifications for practices.

REMINDER **All youth** participating in live-round disciplines (.22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, and Shotgun/Trap) **must** be 12 years old. There are no exceptions!!

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/shooting-sports/>

Are you interested in being impactful with the Lafayette County 4-H Archery program?

If so, please contact Hailee at the Extension Office to register for WI State 4-H Certification Trainings.

hailee.kammerud@wisc.edu



4-H Shooting Sports

Lafayette County Shooting Sports

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone for their time and effort to make this possible!



Thank You:

Darlington Gun Club
Argyle Rod and Gun Club
Lafayette County Sheriff's Department -
Troy Loeffelholz

Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Association
A SPECIAL "Thank You" to Dale Weigel.

Thank
You!

UPCOMING SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS:

- ◆ Saturday, September 16 ~ Marshfield, WI ~ 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Disciplines: Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Air Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun
- ◆ Registration Deadline: September 8, 2023
- ◆ <https://forms.gle/Mv8SqkXxkS4fhLLr7>
- ◆ Potential Upcoming Dates: Saturday, December 2, 2023; Saturday, February 3, 2024

4-H Record Books

4-H Record Book Announcement

ALL 4-H Record Books will be turned into the Lafayette County Extension Office this year for consideration for 4-H Record Book Awards.

4-H Record Books will be due on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023** by 4:30 p.m.

(**4-H Volunteer Leaders - IF you are interested in sitting on the Record Book Committee, please contact the Extension Office.)

Record Book Information & Resources:

<https://lafayette.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-books/>

Cloverbud Record Books—Kindergarten through 2nd grade, as of the **END** of the **2023** school year

Member Record Books—3rd through 13th grade, as of the **END** of the **2023** school year



Lafayette County 4-H Record Book Rubric
Member (3rd through 13th grade)

Name _____ Grade (2023) _____

Lafayette County 4-H Permanent Page	Points Possible	Total Points
Personal Information (pg. 1)	5 pts	
4-H Club Meetings (pg. 1)	5 pts	
County Fundraisers (pg. 1)	5 pts	
4-H Offices (Club/County/Committees) (pg. 2)	5 pts per Office	
4-H Projects & Years Completed (pg. 3) [Must have same permanent page]	5 pts	
Photos (pg. 4)	5 pts	
Signatures (pg. 5)	15 pts (5pts/signature)	
		/45 points (minimum)

Lafayette County 4-H Project Sheets	Points Possible	Total Points
My Project Story (pg. 1)	15 points	
Exhibits (pg. 2)	1 pt per	
How I Learned... (pg. 2)	1 pt per	
How I Shared... (pg. 2)	1 pt per	
Photos w/FULL Captions (or descriptions) (pg. 3)	Up to 5 pts	
		/23 points (minimum) PER Project Area
Total Points		

2023 4-H Record Book Rubrics

(For Reference ONLY– Used by the Committee to score)



Lafayette County 4-H Record Book Rubric
Cloverbud (Kindergarten – 2nd grade)

Name _____ Grade (2023): Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade

Lafayette County 4-H Permanent Page	Points Possible	Total Points
Personal Information/4-H Activities/Signatures (pg. 1)	5 pts	
My Project Records (pg. 2)	5 pts per Project	
Favorite Project/What I Liked... (pg. 3)	5 pts	
My Club Records (pg. 4) (Meetings/Signatures/Special Events)	10 pts	
Reflections (pg. 5) (Picture/Story/Photographs)	15 pts	
		/40 points (minimum)

Comments/Suggestions:

4-H Ambassadors

Blasting Off into 4-H

Cloverbud Discovery Day



“Blasting Off into 4-H”
June 17, 2023

There were a total of 9 participants!

Milky Way Music,

Rocket Launching,

learning the 4-H Pledge,

Snacks—along with playing the Product - Producer matching game (learning where our food comes from).



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4-H Ambassadors

“Exploring the Secrets of 4-H”

June 24, 2023

Trick Photography,

Skits,

Snacks,

4-H Trivia Tag,

4-H Event Talks.



Exploring the Secrets of 4-H



4-H Volunteers

Volunteers MAKE 4-H possible!

The most important qualifications are:

- a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills; and
- wanting to provide youth with positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

Volunteering Gains:

- ◆ Skills in Teaching
- ◆ Leading Effective Meetings
- ◆ Developing Communication Skills

~ Communities Impacted~

- * Stronger Communities
- * Community Connections
- * Increased Civic Involvement
- * Improved Health of Communities

Volunteering Options-

Activity/Event Volunteer

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/4-H-Activity_Event-Volunteer-Position-Description-1.pdf

Adult Advisor/Chaperone

https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/Adult-Advisor_Chaperone-Position-Description-1.pdf

Club Enrollment Coordinator

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/Club-Enrollment-Coordinator-Position-Description.pdf>

Club Leader

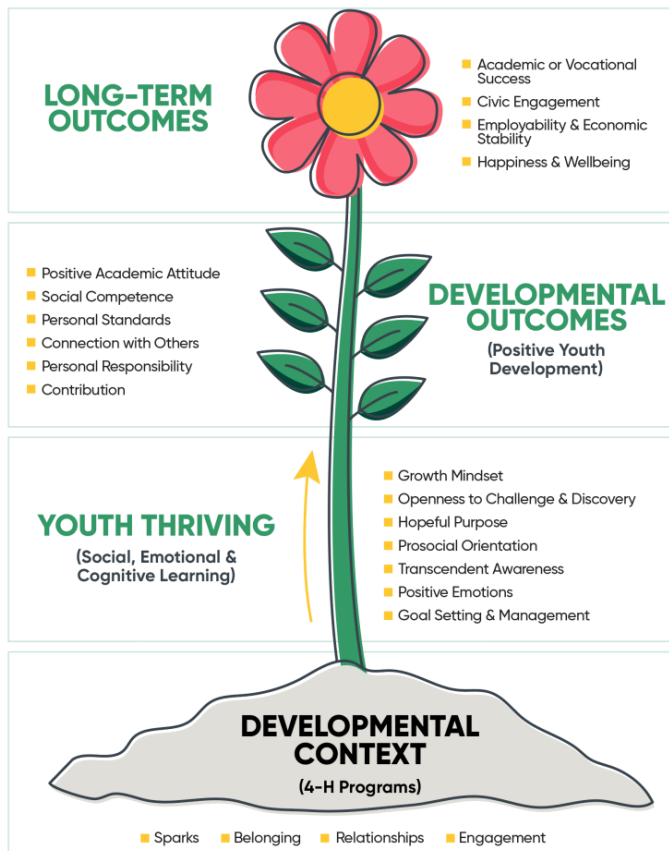
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Committee Volunteer

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/Committee-Volunteer-Position-Description.pdf>

Project Leader

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/09/Project-Leader-Position-Description->



4-H Thriving Model

The 4-H Thriving Model is the theory of change for positive youth development in 4-H. The model illustrates the process of positive youth development in 4-H programs by connecting high quality program settings to the promotion of youth thriving.

Developmental Context:

Where youth can belong and grow!

High quality 4-H program settings provide youth a place to belong, matter and explore their personal spark. High quality settings foster developmental relationships with youth, relationships that express care, challenge growth, and share power.

4-H Volunteer Training

VOLUNTEER TRAINING UPDATES...NEW 2023–2024**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRAININGS?**

VOLUNTEERS IN PREPARATION (VIP) ORIENTATION: REQUIRED BY UW–MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION (IN–PERSON OR VIA ZOOM)

- COMPLETED AT START OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, NO REFRESHER REQUIRED (WILL BE TRANSITIONING TO NEW FORMAT IN JANUARY 2024)

MANDATED REPORTER: REQUIRED BY UW POLICY 301 AND GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER EO 54

- COMPLETED AT START OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, NO REFRESHER REQUIRED

SUPPORTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: REQUIRED BY UW–MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION–IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HANDBOOK TRAINING

- OVERNIGHT CHAPERONES / ADULT ADVISORS OR CUSTODIAL CARE ROLES
- COMPLETE INITIAL TRAINING, REFRESHERS EVERY 2 YEARS

BUILDING SAFE SPACES: REQUIRED BY UW–MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION–IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HANDBOOK TRAINING

- COMPLETE INITIAL TRAINING, REFRESHERS EVERY 2 YEARS

TITLE IX: REQUIRED BY UW–MADISON OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION AND COMPLIANCE (OYPC)

- REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SECTIONS 1 AND 2 FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH YOUTH
- INCLUDED WITH BUILDING SAFE SPACES TRAINING

HOW CAN I JOIN AS A 4– H VOLUNTEER?

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

WI State 4-H

What ELSE does 4-H have to offer?

Communication Arts:

- * [Art Lab](#) (grades 9-12)
- * [State Arts Teams](#) {4-H Drama Company & 4-H Art Team} (grades 9-13)

Dairy & Animal Science Program:

- * [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- * [State Dairy Judging Contest](#)

Dog Program:

- * [State Dog Agility Show](#)
- * [State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show](#)
- * State Dog Quiz Bowl

Horse Program:

- * [State 4-H Gymkhana](#) - September 9-10, 2023
- * [State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, & Hippology Contest](#)
- * [State Horse Expo](#) - September 15-17, 2023
- * [State 4-H Horse Leader's Conference](#) - November 12-13, 2023
- * [4-H Hunt & Dressage Show](#) - June 23-25, 2023
- * [Midwest Horse Fair Tack Sale](#) - April 14-16, 2023

Leadership:

- * [Spark Days](#)

Livestock Program:

- * [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- * [State Livestock Judging Contest](#)
- * [Meats Judging Contest](#)
- * [Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-Thon Contest](#)

Global Citizenship:

- * [International Exchange](#)
- * [Summer Outbound Travel Program](#)
- * [Summer Inbound Hosting Program](#)

Shooting Sports:

- * [Competitive Shoots](#)



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4-H PLEDGE

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My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
And my health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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