

The Lafayette Marquee

4-H Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024

As December has started let's reflect upon a portion of the 4-H Pledge, "...HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service..."

December lends itself to being a month or the start of a season focused on service to others, but have you considered why we focus so heavily upon it in December? The 4-H pledge leads us to greater loyalty and larger service throughout the year, each month when recited at our club meetings. As December makes it way into and out of our lives, I challenge you to consciously think of how, as 4-H families, the act of greater loyalty and larger service can be sought after continuously throughout the year and not simply in the month of December.

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McLellan

Let's focus on bringing more to others, those who have experienced 4-H, those new to 4-H, those looking to expand their SPARKS and try something new. When we can give in service to others, we grow, "To Make the Best Better."

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Calendar of Events

December 2024	1-3	National 4-H Congress—Atlanta, GA (grades 9-12)
	1-31	4H Online Registration OPENS for Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C.
	01	National 4-H Conference Applications DUE
	07	Fill the Floral Hall—Yarn Art (MPB @ 10:00 am)
	15	Space Camp Registration CLOSES (4HOnline)
	20	WI 4-H ARTS Ambassadors Application CLOSES ~ 4HOnline
	20	Citizenship Washington Focus Registration OPENS
	21	Steer Weigh-In & ID (Lafayette County Fair)
	27	YQCA Training @ MPB (10:00 a.m.)
	24-25	Extension Office CLOSED
	30	YQCA Training (Green County Justice Center 1t 10:00 a.m.)
	31	Extension Office CLOSED
	January 2025	01
15		Citizenship Washington Focus Registration CLOSES
18		Fill the Floral Hall—Mesh Wreaths (MPB @ 10:00 am)
25		WI 4-H Dairy Bowl ~ UW-Green Bay
February 2025	01	Shooting Sports Certification Workshop (Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol)
	02	4-H Enrollment CLOSES for NEW members
	08	4-H Meats Judging Contest ~ UW-Madison
	22	Fill the Floral Hall—Wool Felting (MPB @ 10:00 am)
	28	Extension's Winter Photography Challenge CLOSES
March 2025	14-16	4-H ArtBEAT! Camp - Upham Woods, WI Dells (grades 3-5)
	15	4-H Livestock Event ~ Skillathon & Quiz Bowl ~ UW-Madison
	28-29	Tri-County Tournament (State Shooting Sports Competition)
	29	Iowa & Lafayette County 4-H Day in the Arts ~ Mineral Point High School
April 2025	11-16	National 4-H Conference - Washington D.C. (grades 10-12)
MAY 2025	1-5	Space Camp—Huntsville, AL (grades 6-8)
June 2025	16-19	Summer Academy (UW-Madison Campus)
	20-29	American Spirit East Travel
	20-28	Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Travel
July 2025	4-13	American Spirit East Travel
	9-13	Lafayette County Fair

4-H Pledge/Cedar Crest

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
world.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

... *“My **heart** to greater loyalty...”*

Heart stands for strong personal values, positive self-concept, concern for others, cooperation and communication.

Steer Weigh-In and Identification

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2024

Time: 9:00am- 11:30 am

**Location: Lafayette County Fairgrounds,
enter at the West Gate**

Cost: \$3.00 per RFID Tag

Youth exhibiting bred and owned market steers will be responsible to present a registration paper at the Lafayette County Fair if they would like to compete for the Bred & Owned Champion

NO BULLS

YQCA Opportunities

YQCA Instructor Led Training

Friday, December 27 at 10am
Please arrive by 9:50am

**Lafayette County Multipurpose Bldg,
11974 Ames Rd., Darlington**

You must register online, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pre-test.
Any questions please contact Jackie McCarville at 608-576-0147



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If you need an accommodation to attend this event, please contact Jackie McCarville by December 20.

YQCA Instructor Led Training

Monday, December 30 at 10am
Please arrive by 9:50am

**Green County Justice Center,
2841 6th St, Monroe**

You must register online, pay the \$3 fee, and complete the pre-test.
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Introducing Janet...



This is me!

ABOUT Me

Hi,

I am

Janet Trout

The **new**
Administrative Assistant
at the Extension office in
Lafayette County

About Me

My family and I have moved 7 times in a 9 years span and we found ourselves in Darlington, Wi about 4 years ago. It looks like we are here to stay! My family and I like to spend time outside in the woods or riding in the UTV. We also enjoy making nachos and treats together.

My pet

Favorite Colors



Fun Fact

The farthest away I have been from home is Paris, France.



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Fill the Floral Hall



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Fill the Floral Hall YARN ART

Pre-Registration Required
Date: December 7, 2024 at 10:00AM
Location: Lafayette County Multipurpose room
11974 Ames Rd., Darlington WI, 53530

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Registration will open middle of December.

***NEW* Poof Wreaths**



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FILL THE FLORAL HALL

Mesh Wreaths

WHEN: JANUARY 18, 2025
 WHERE: DARLINGTON MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
 10:00AM

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Local Opportunities

Winter Photography Challenge

Capture the BEST winter photos of Lafayette County

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2025

Submit to: jtrout2@wisc.edu

Photos can be color, black& white, sepia or computer edited




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Coming March 2025...

Iowa & Lafayette County

DAY IN THE ARTS

Mineral Point High School
705 Ross St. Mineral Point, WI

OPEN TO ALL 4H YOUTH IN GRADES KG TO 13




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Saturday
March 29th
1PM

WHY 4-H?

#wi4hmovement



The Wisconsin 4-H MOVEMENT

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 world.

In Wisconsin 4-H we value:

<p>Being Yourself </p> <p>Find and share your authentic sparks and interests;</p>	<p>Belonging Together </p> <p>Recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other;</p>
<p>Building Connections </p> <p>Grow positive relationships with peers and adults;</p>	<p>Discovering Skills </p> <p>Develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive;</p>
<p>Exploring New Opportunities </p> <p>Open the door to new experiences, projects and places;</p>	<p>Giving Back to Your Community </p> <p>Make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.</p>

BELONGING **MASTERY** **INDEPENDENCE** **GENEROSITY**

To Make The Best Better.



Lafayette County 4-H Horse Project



HORSE PROJECT

Items below will be **REQUIRED** to complete the horse project:

- ✔ Must attend 3 meetings including one with horse
- ✔ Registration papers completed by April 1, 2025
- ✔ Coggins test at first meeting with horse

Questions:

Katrina Gleason

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4-H Shooting Sports

Lafayette County Shooting Sports



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

Gun Clinic Dates: Rifle & Pistol (Air & .22) - December 2024—January 2025

Air Rifle: December 21 * December 27 * December 28 * January 3 * January 4

Air Pistol: to follow Air Rifle in January 2025

ENROLL in the Shooting Sports Project Area; specifically, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol and Shotgun.

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)

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

Lafayette County 4-H Archery



...coming Soon!

State 4-H Opportunities

**May 1-5
2025**

**Huntsville,
Alabama**

**WISCONSIN 4-H
SPACE CAMP**

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OPEN TO YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Get involved in:

- Simulated Space Missions
- Learning and using Space Simulators
- Building and launching your own model rockets
- Real space training simulation
- etc.

**Registration open from Nov 15 - Dec 15
via 4HOnline**

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON

★ ★ ★ **FOCUS** ★ ★ ★

JUNE 20-28, 2025

PARTICIPANTS LEARN ABOUT THE ROLES OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES' GOVERNMENT AND HOW THESE PARTS WORK TOGETHER TO FORM AN EFFECTIVE CONGRESS.

Open to 4-H Youth in grades 10-12th

More information on the Lafayette County Extension Website

State 4-H Opportunities (cont'd.)



4-H ARTS AMBASSADORS



DRAMA COMPANY



COMMS TEAM



ARTS TEAM

WHO	Any 4-H members in grades 9-13
WHY	To develop your leadership and artistic abilities
WHAT	A group of arts leaders, who explore sparks, make art, and develop skills
HOW	Apply to be an Arts Ambassador by December 20th https://25artsambassadors.4honline.com
NOTE!	All Drama Company, Art Team, and Comm team members WILL be part of Arts Ambassadors The same great teams, with more opportunities.

Applications due on 4HOnline on December 20th!

Learn more about WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors here:



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM IS BACK!



OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES 9-13

GAIN SKILLS IN PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY, WRITING, AND DESIGN

Apply today and become part of the WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors!



State 4-H Opportunities (cont'd.)

WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL



January 25, 2025



University of Wisconsin- Green Bay

STEM Innovations Center



Contest to Start at 11:30 am



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SAVE THE DATES

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK EVENTS

4-H MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
FEB. 8, 2025

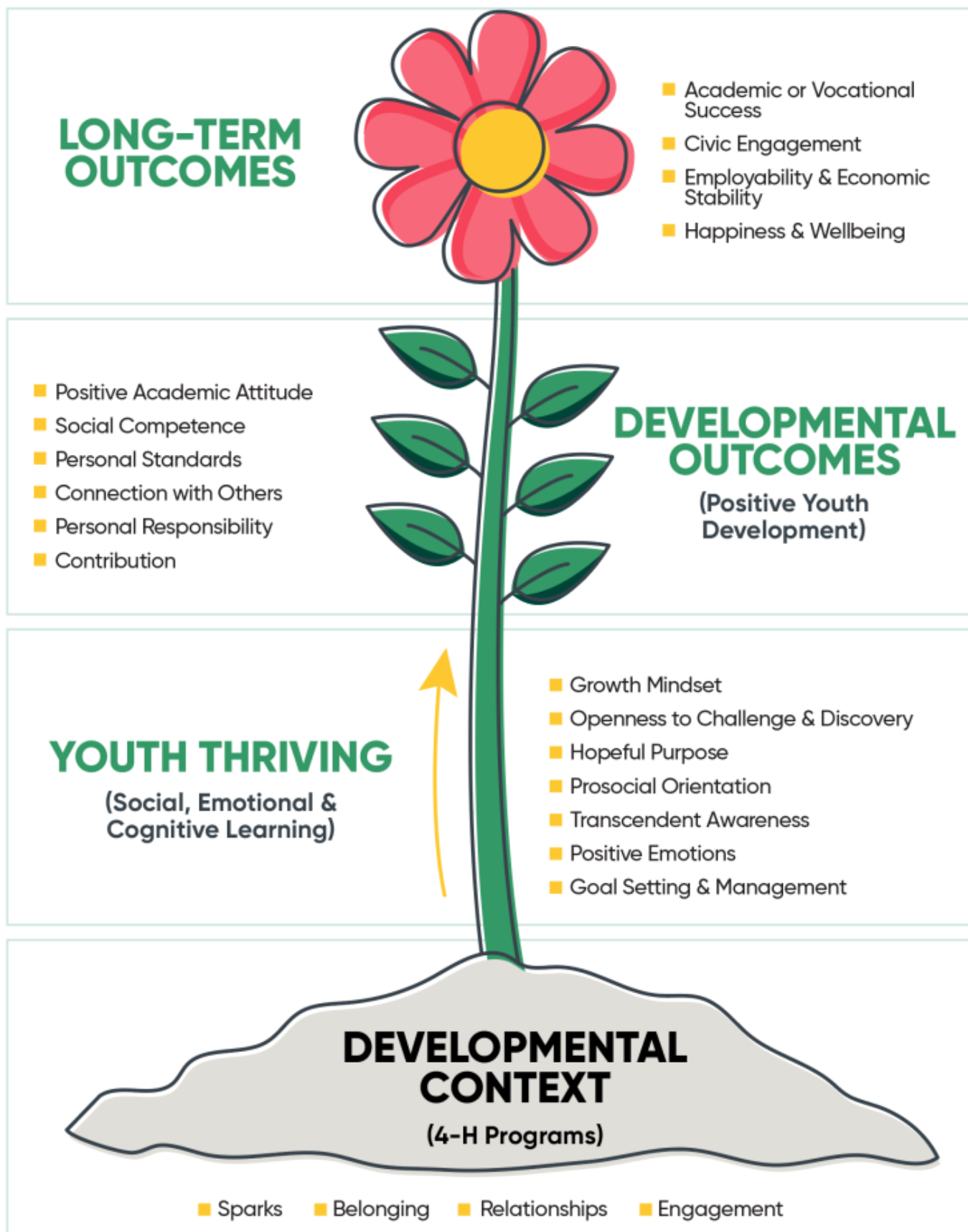
SKILLATHON AND QUIZ BOWL
MARCH 15, 2025

**BOTH EVENTS HELD AT THE
UW MADISON CAMPUS**

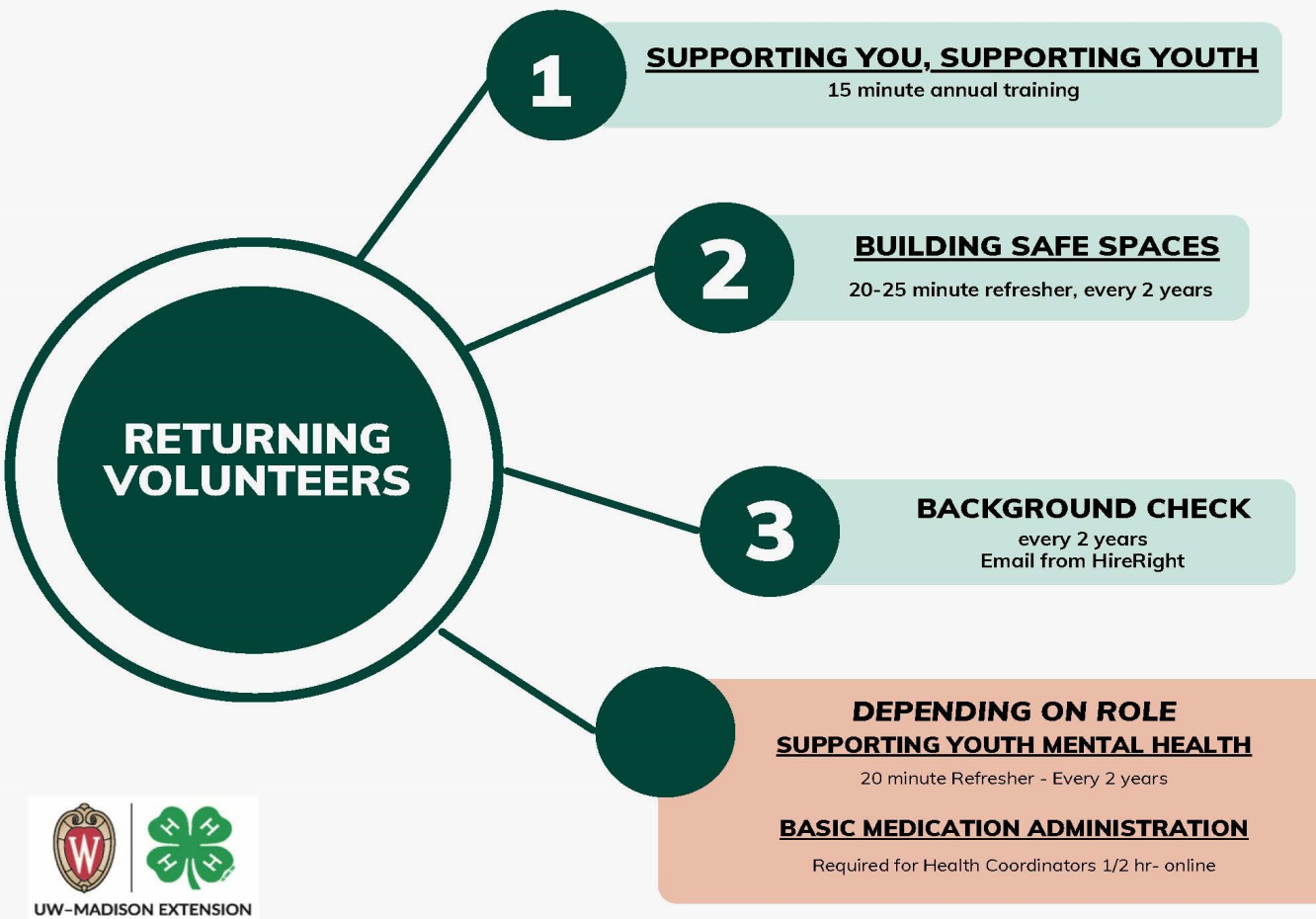
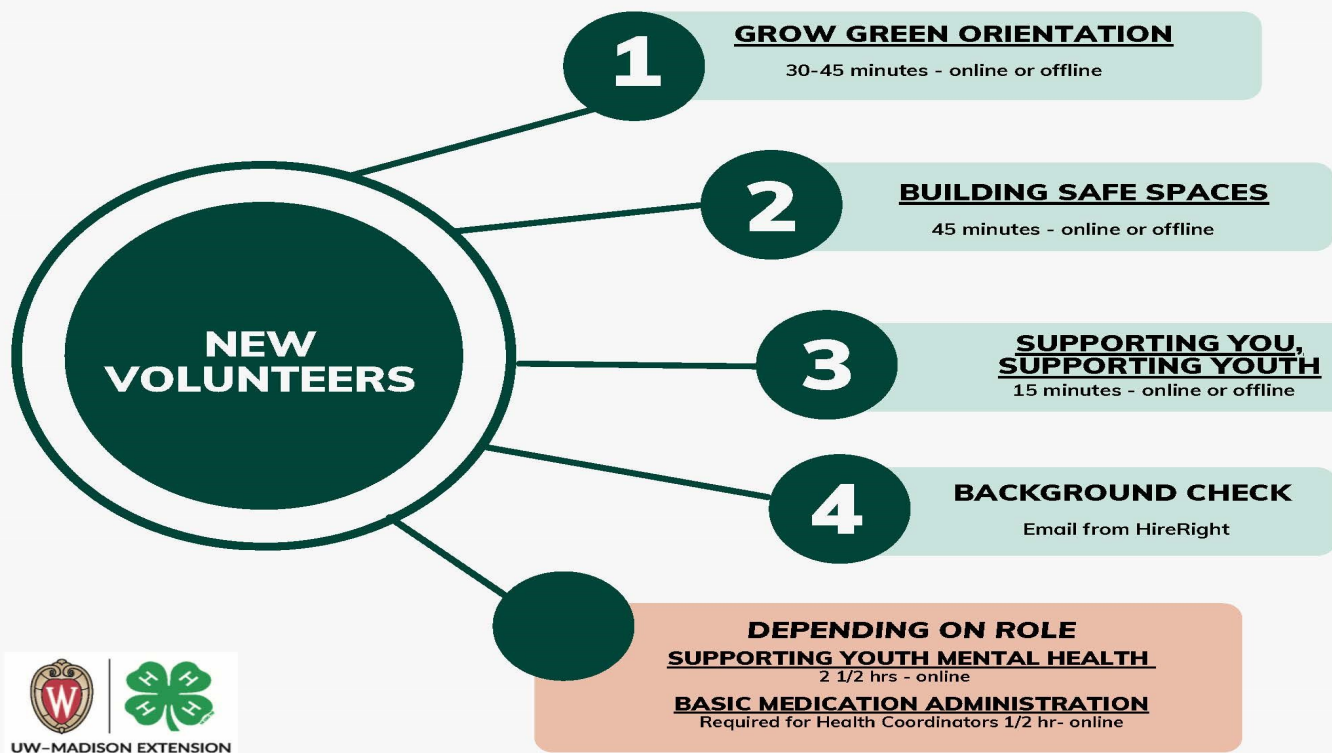


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4-H Thriving Model



4-H Volunteers



Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

2024 Southeastern Workshop

Disciplines: Archery, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol
Must be 21 years of age to attend!

**01
February
2025**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Washington County Fair Park
3000 County Hwy PV West Bend, WI

Registration Deadline: January 31, 2025

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/FNLHz5Y8KQnyME1s7>



Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

Winter 2025 Workshop

Disciplines: TBD

Must be 21 years of age to attend!

TBD

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Menominee County, WI



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Adult Leader Opportunities ~ WI 4-H

Wisconsin 4-H is looking for adult advisors!

Adult advisors are needed for programs like Space Camp, Summer Academy, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, and more. Adult advisors will serve as support for all youth participants and work as a team to ensure that the an experience runs smoothly. Learn more about the positions available and find the application here:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/.../statewi.../adult-advisors/>

ADULT ADVISORS NEEDED!

Applications are open to become an adult advisor with Wisconsin 4-H!

Adult advisors have the opportunity to travel across the state and country as they serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on different programs.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old at the time of the program.



Applications are open for the Summer Academy Young Adult Advisor positions!

Summer academy is a program for middle-high school aged youth that will run June 16-19, on the UW-Madison Campus. Young adult leaders will serve as role models for all Summer Academy delegates while also helping to ensure that the experience runs smoothly. Follow this link to apply:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_9WA7cYjM8SZRVRA



YOUNG ADULT LEADER POSITION

For Summer Academy 2025

Applicants Must be:

- Between the ages of 19 and 25
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- A role model and support system for youth attendees



APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2025

Young Adult Leaders also must be able to attend trainings and an on-site orientation

WI State 4-H

What ELSE does 4-H have to offer?

Communication Arts:

- * [Art Lab](#)
- * [State 4-H Arts Ambassadors](#)

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 -](#)
- * [State 4-H Horse Education Days, Horse Bowl, & Hippology Contest](#)
- * [State Horse Expo](#)
- * [State 4-H Horse Leader's Conference](#)
- * [4-H Hunt & Dressage Show](#)
- * [Midwest Horse Fair Tack Sale](#)

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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