

# The Lafayette Marquee

## 4-H Newsletter

### FEBRUARY 2025

Winter is here, and we're getting creative with ways to stay busy and healthy! This month, we're focusing on creativity as we prepare for Art Beat and Day in the Arts events coming up in March.

Creativity is the ability to think outside the box, generate new ideas, and solve problems in unique ways. It involves using imagination, original thinking, and a willingness to explore different perspectives. Creativity can be applied in various areas of life, from art and design to science and business. The 4-H program is constantly exploring creative new ideas and programs. We've begun collaborating with libraries, offering ukulele basics at Johnson Public Library and an upcycled craft day at McCoy Public Library.

The importance of creativity lies in its ability to drive innovation and progress. It allows individuals and teams to approach challenges with fresh solutions, adapt to change, and find new ways to improve or enhance existing processes. Creativity also plays a key role in personal growth, helping individuals express themselves, think critically, and develop a sense of purpose. In a world that constantly evolves, creative thinking helps us stay ahead, push boundaries, and discover opportunities for growth.

We challenge you this spring to embrace your creativity. Try something new—whether it's starting a new project, attending a different event, or learning a fresh skill. Step outside your comfort zone and see where your imagination takes you. We'd love to hear about your journey! Report back to us and share your success, and don't forget to inspire others with your creative 4-H achievements. Let's make this spring one full of growth, learning, and new possibilities!

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## **Calendar of Events**

<b>February 2025</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4-H DAY IN THE ARTS Registration OPENS</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>4-H @ Johnson Public Library ~ Ukulele Basics @ 2:00</b>
	22	Ambassador Get-Together
	28	Extension's Winter Photography Challenge <b>CLOSES</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>4-H @ McCoy Public Library ~ Upcycled Necklaces @ 1:30</b>
<b>March 2025</b>	01	Fill the Floral Hall—Wool Felting (MPB @ 10:00 am)
	12-16	Ignite by 4-H (Washington D.C.)
	14-16	4-H ArtBEAT! Camp - Upham Woods, WI Dells (grades 3-5)
	15	4-H Livestock Event ~ Skillathon & Quiz Bowl ~ UW-Madison
	21-22	Shooting Sports Winter Invitational ~ Marshfield
	28-29	Tri-County Tournament ~ West Bend
	<b>29</b>	<b>Iowa &amp; Lafayette County 4-H DAY IN THE ARTS ~ Mineral Point High School</b>
<b>April 2025</b>	01	James W. Crowley Application DUE to Lafayette County Extension
	4-5	4-H State BB Gun Championships & NRA Sectional ~ Chippewa County
	4-5	4-H/NRA Air Rifle Sectionals ~ Chippewa County
	<b>11</b>	<b>4-H @ McCoy Public Library @ 1:30</b>
	11-16	National 4-H Conference - Washington D.C. (grades 10-12)
	19	Karl Petersen Competitive Shoot ~ Augusta
<b>MAY 2025</b>	1-5	Space Camp—Huntsville, AL (grades 6-8)
	17	Western Gateway Statewide Shoot ~ River Falls
	<b>23</b>	<b>4-H @ McCoy Public Library @ 1:30</b>
<b>June 2025</b>	16-19	Summer Academy @ UW-Madison Campus
	20-29	American Spirit East Travel
	20-28	Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Travel
	29-July 2	4-H Summer Camp w/Grant County @ Upham Woods
<b>July 2025</b>	4-13	American Spirit East Travel
	9-13	Lafayette County Fair
	18-19	Triple Crown Statewide Invitational ~ Marshfield
	20	Annual Triple Crown Summer Blast ~ Marshfield
	25-26	Air Gun Annual Dodge County 4-H Archery & Air Gun Invitational ~ Horicon

4-H Pledge/Local Contest

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.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

... *“My hands to larger service...”*

**Hands** stands for volunteering, community service and reaching out to create a more inclusive, equitable world.

**Winter Photography challenge**

Capture the **BEST** winter photos of Lafayette County

**Submission Deadline: February 28, 2025**

**Submit to: [jtrout2@wisc.edu](mailto:jtrout2@wisc.edu)**

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




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## Library Collaborations



# 4-H hosts

UKULELE BEGINNER CLASSES AT JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dates offered:  
2/14 and 2/21  
after school

# Ukulele



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# UPCYCLED NECKLACE DAY!



*Scrabble necklace*

LAFCO 4-H AND MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL CO-HOST AN UPCYCLE CRAFT DAY!

FEBRUARY 28, 2025 AFTER SCHOOL



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Shooting Sports

# LAFCO 4-H ARCHERY

**Feb 16, 2025**

Pre-register with link above

Upcoming Clinics:

March: 2, 16, 30

April: 13, 27

May: 4



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

# Shooting Sports



*Clinics will continue into the spring.  
Watch 4-H online, website and socials  
for upcoming clinics.*

**\*\* Still to Come... .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, and Shotgun/Trap \*\***

## 4-H Day in the Arts

IOWA & LAFAYETTE COUNTY

# DAY IN THE ARTS

**OPEN TO 4-H GRADES KG TO 13**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 29TH AT 1:00PM**

**Entry Deadline:**

**Friday, March 14th**

**Register:**

**4H Online**

Day in the Arts provides an opportunity for youth to showcase their creative talents through music, speech, demonstrations, visual arts, and photography.



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## 4-H Day in the Arts Details

### **OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH IN GRADES KG TO 13**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**

**REGISTER THROUGH 4H ONLINE**

#### **CLOVERBUDS**

Open to any youth in 5-year-old Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Entries can include any performances or exhibits modelled after the before mentioned divisions: music (vocal or instrumental), dance, public speaking (i.e. the 4-H Pledge), demonstration, photography, arts and crafts. Youth in this category will be evaluated separately from older youth and participation will be celebrated. Cloverbuds can have a **MAXIMUM of 3** entries. Performances are limited to 5 minutes.

#### **VISUAL ARTS**

Members are limited of a **total of two** art, drawing, painting, and/or craft entries. Participants must be enrolled in the Art, Arts and Crafts, or Drawing and Painting project. Members are limited to presenting up to two pieces from the categories listed below. Exhibits must be matted, framed, or otherwise ready for display. Exhibits must have been completed in this project year. Exhibits must be labeled with your name, club, grade, and title or description of the exhibit.

**Art** - Any original work

**Crafts** - Any original work or items that followed/used a pattern, kit, directions, mold, picture, or example

**Drawing and Painting** - Any original work

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Members are limited to **two** Photography entries. Participants must be enrolled in the Photography project. Photos must have been taken in this project year. Photos must be mounted or matted/framed and should **NOT** include captions.

#### **COMMUNICATION ARTS**

Members are limited to participating in **two** communication arts with a maximum of one entry in each category, i.e. one poem and one original speech, or one prose and one demonstration, etc.

**Demonstrations** - May be individual or team demonstration. Time limit: 3-7 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under; 6-10 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Interpretive Reading of Prose** - Includes stories, play cuttings, narratives, and anything else not written as a poem. Time limit: 2-7 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under and 5 -10 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Interpretive Reading of Poetry** - May be an original poem, either in verse form or open-ended. Time limit: 2-7 minutes for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and under and 5-10 minutes for youth 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

**Illustrated Talk** - should be written by speaker and illustrated with charts, posters, etc. Time limit: 2-5 minutes for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders; 3-7 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders; 5-10 minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

**Poster** - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity/event; on 14" by 22" poster board; any medium. On the back, include name, grade, club, and date. Posters may be kept for display throughout the year.

**Promotional Display** - Should promote 4-H or a 4-H activity or event; size limit: 21" X 32", designed to stand up; may include brochures, pictures, and other promotional materials. Displays may be kept for display throughout the year.

**Any Other Public Speaking** - Participants may present individually or in a group. Prior to starting the presentation, participants should introduce the presentation.

## Day in the Arts (cont'd.)

### MUSIC

Members are limited to participation in **one large group** and/or **one small group/solo** performance, **for a total of 2 music entries.**

(Accompaniments for any musical performance or folk dance performance may or may not be provided by 4-H club members and may or may not be adults.)

If a tape or CD is used to provide musical accompaniment, **please bring** the appropriate player for the music.

**\*\*Members must provide the judge with a copy of the music.\*\***

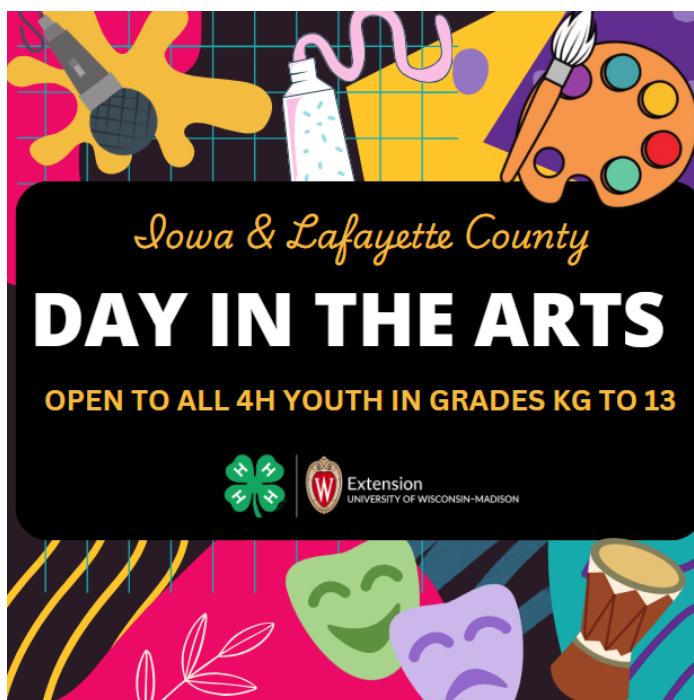
**Vocal Ensembles/Duets/Solos** - A vocal performance is singing with or without accompaniment and with or without costuming.

**Instrumental Ensembles/Duets/Solos** - An instrument performance is an instrumentalist(s) playing standard musical instruments, with or without costuming or staging.

**Novelty Ensembles/Duets/Solos** - A novelty performance is a singer(s) or instrumentalist(s), in any combination of singing or playing. The performers must express themselves vocally and/or instrumentally, or they may combine vocal and instrumental music. The major emphasis of the production must be musical expression; stage movements and stage mechanics should only support the musical expression and be incidental. Pantomiming to records does not give opportunity for musical expression on the part of the participants and therefore is not permitted.

**Dance Groups/ Duets/Solos** - A dance performance is a dancer(s) doing dances to music provided by any type of instrumental group or recording.

**ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 2 ENTRIES PER CATEGORY**





Register: <https://forms.gle/AkMvbY89gjeEQNND>

### Fill the Floral Hall

# FILL THE FLORAL HALL



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## WOOL FELTING

Come out and learn a new skill...Wool Felting!  
We will be making little llamas!



**WHEN: MARCH 1ST, 2025**

**WHERE: LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
11974 AMES RD., DARLINGTON  
WI, 53530**

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# FILL THE FLORAL HALL Leather Craft

Come learn the leather basics.  
Products: coaster, key fob or  
bookmark  
Date: TBD



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## 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:**

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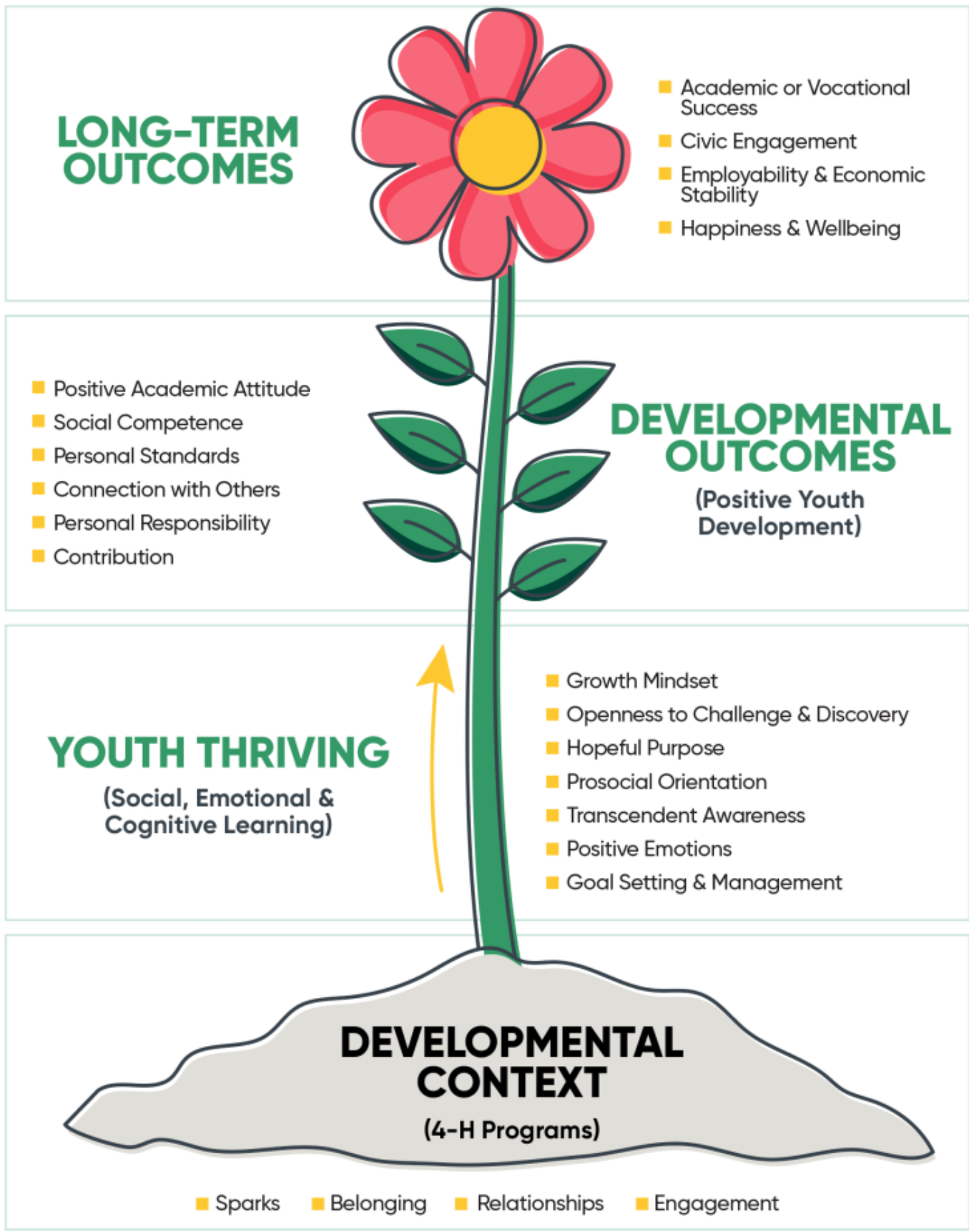
**4-H Experience Series...the opportunities are endless!**



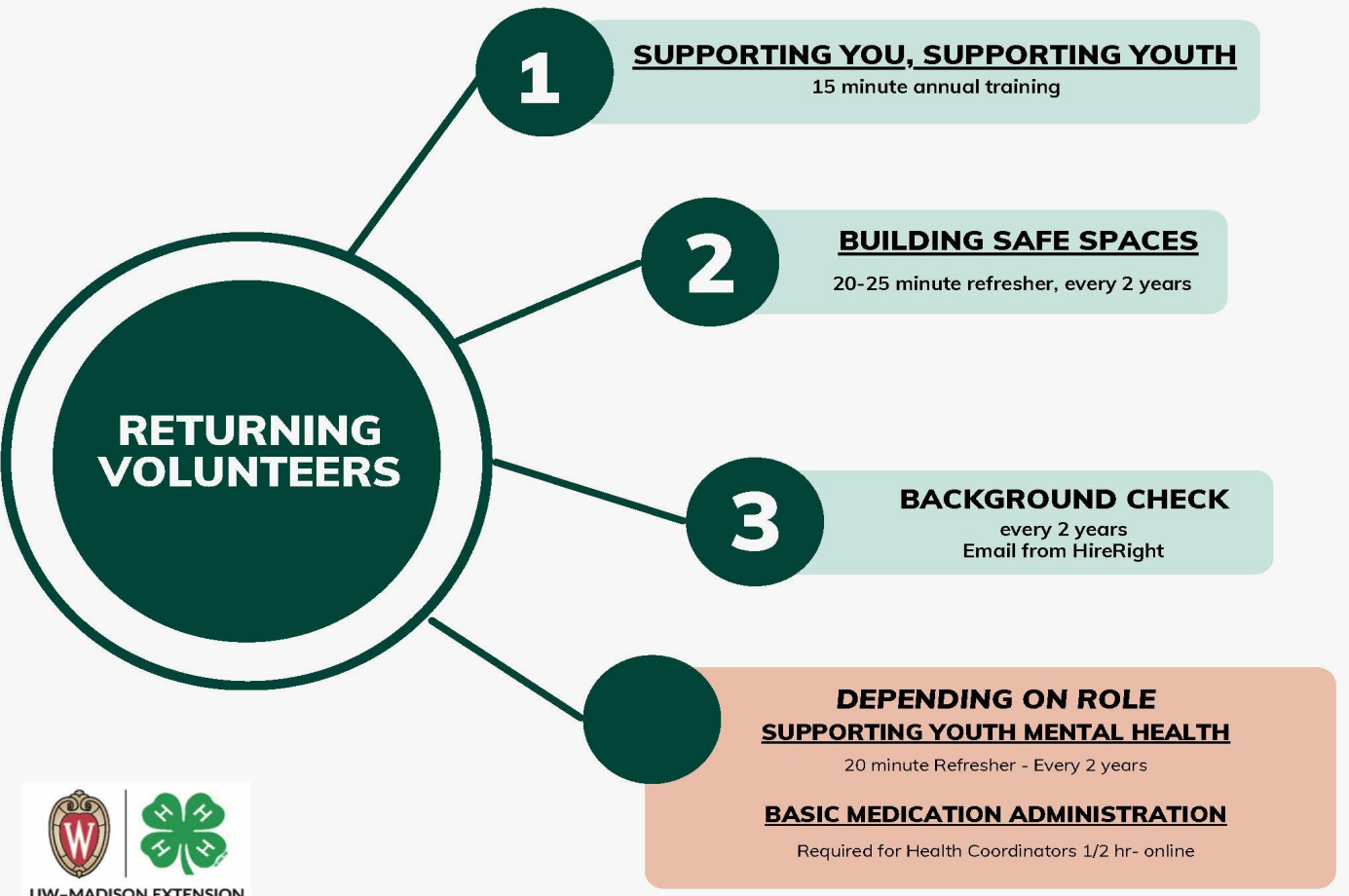
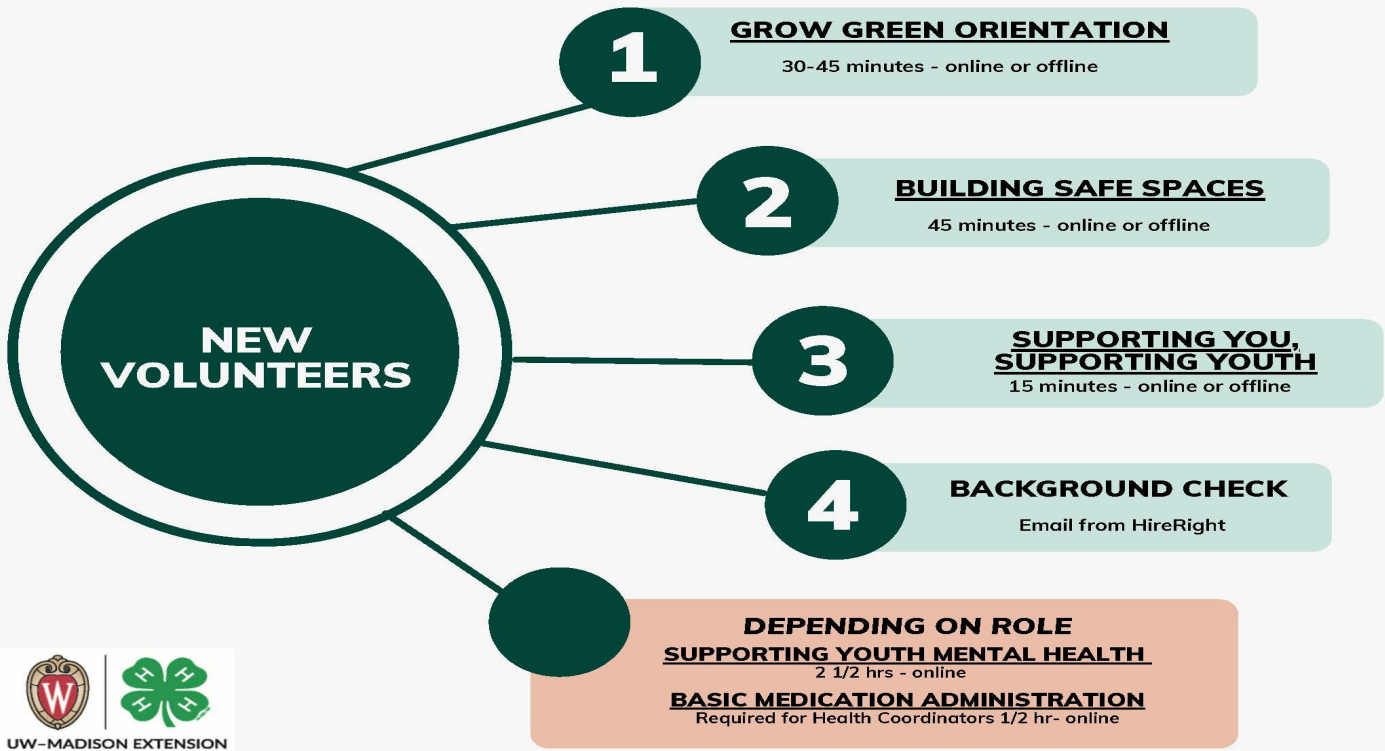
# **EXPERIENCE SERIES COMING SPRING 2025**

**DISCOVER HOW TO TURN  
EVERYDAY ITEMS FROM  
YOUR BACKYARD INTO  
ENTREPRENEURIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES.**

## 4-H Thriving Model



# 4-H Volunteers







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

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## To Make The Best Better.



**WI State 4-H****What ELSE does 4-H have to offer?****WI 4-H Arts Ambassadors:****Dairy & Animal Science Program:**

- \* [Area Animal Science Days](#)
- \* [Dairy Quiz Bowl](#)
- \* [State Dairy Judging Contest](#)
- \* [James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award](#)

**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:**

- \* [WI 4-H Leadership Council](#)
- \* [Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership](#)
- \* [Restorative Justice Summit](#)
- \* [Fall Forum](#)
- \* [Summer Academy](#)

**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](#)

**Travel Experiences:**

- \* [American Spirit East](#)
- \* [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)
- \* [Space Camp](#)
- \* [National 4-H Conference](#)
- \* [National 4-H Congress](#)

**Awards & Scholarships:**

- \* [Key Awards](#)
- \* [Crowley Dairy Leadership Award](#)
- \* [WI 4-H Foundation Scholarship](#)



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**THE LAFAYETTE MARQUEE—4-H NEWSLETTER**

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