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**Richland County 4-H Newsletter**

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4-H Families,

Over 75 Richland County youth participated in 4-H Discovery Day! It was a fun-filled day with LOTS of 4-H project activities!! Here are a few photos from Discovery Day...

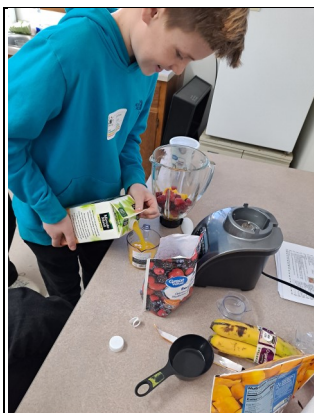


We are planning 4-H project workshops during the week of March 27-April 3. Would you like to try woodburning? Decorate cookies? Make a simple sewing project? Learn about gardening? Design with LEGOs? You do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H project to join in on the fun!

If you like drama, singing, dancing, playing an instrument or public speaking, you are encouraged to sign-up for the 4-H Arts Festival! The event will be held on Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Richland Center High School auditorium. Entries are due March 24. I hope to see you there!

Best,

Karleen Craddock  
4-H Youth Development Educator



4-H Discovery Day—February 19, 2022

## Richland County

# 4-H Calendar



### March

- 12 – WI 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest Entry Deadline,  
Info at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/whepwi4h/>
- 15 – Beef Producers Annual Mtg., Richland Community Center,  
5:30 p.m.-Dinner (RSVP required), 6:45 p.m.-Meeting.
- 15 – 4-H Poultry Showmanship Workshop, *Register through 4honline*
- 15 – Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due  
<https://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>
- 16 – Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
*Register through 4honline.*
- 18 – Meats Judging Contest Entries Due <https://go.wisc.edu/q27f74>
- 19 – Photography Workshop, 10:00-11:45 a.m., Ext. Office
- 20 – Jr. Leader Group, 5:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 21 – 4-H Leaders Assn Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Extension Office
- 23 – Meat Animal Sale Committee, Extension Office
- 25 – 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Entries Due <https://go.wisc.edu/6h04k0>
- 24 – 4-H Arts Festival Entries Due
- 27 – Dog Project Group, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 27 – Rabbits R Us Meeting & Potluck, 6:00 p.m., Ext. Office

Mark Your Calendar...

### 4-H Project Workshops

- Painting Session** - Sunday, March 27, 3:00 p.m.
- Cooking Classes** - Monday, March 28, 10:00 & 1:00 p.m.
- LEGOs** - Tuesday, March 29, 10:00 a.m.
- Simple Sewing Project** - Wed., March 30, 9:00 a.m.
- Cookie Decorating**—Thursday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.
- Woodburning**—Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.
- + **PLUS — Gardening Class & More!**

*Watch for an email with additional classes and sign-up information*

### April

- 1-2 – WI 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contest, West Bend
- 3 - 4-H Arts Festival**, 1:00 p.m., Richland Center HS Auditorium
- 3 - 4-H Horse Project Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Ithaca Schools
- 9 – Photography Workshop, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 9 – 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon, 9:30 a.m. UW-Madison
- 9 – UW Madison Hands-on Science Expeditions, Free,  
<https://science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/>
- 13 – Sheep & Goat Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 14 – WI Youth Livestock Virtual Series “Land and Water”  
Register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h>
- 15 – 4-H Softball Rosters Due. Let's Play Ball!!
- 18 – 4-H Leaders Association Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ext. Office
- 20 – 4-H Scholarship Interviews, Extension Office
- 20 – Wildlife and Woods Virtual Series, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
*Register through 4honline.*
- 22-24 – Midwest Horse Fair and WI 4-H Used Tack Sale
- 25 – NO Feathered Friends Mtg-Rescheduled to Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
At 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office – It's Chick ID night!!
- 26 – Horse paperwork (including Coggins test) due to Kathleen  
Schoen, Horse superintendent
- 27 – Get Real! Richland Center High School – Volunteers are  
needed! Call the Extension Office for info. 608-647-6148
- 27-May 8 - Paper Clover Campaign sponsored by Tractor Supply Co.  
(Statewide fundraiser for Wisconsin 4-H)
- 28 - 4-H Softball Coaches Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 30 - 4-H Meats Judging, 9:00 a.m., Meat Science Bldg, UW-Madison
- 30 – Fur, Fin and Feathers Show—Educational Show for Poultry,  
*Rabbits, Cats & Pets*, Sparta <https://go.wisc.edu/61q561>

### May

- 1 - 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 1 - Sheep and Goat Mentorship Applications Due
- 1 - Horse Project Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Ithaca Schools
- 2 - Feathered Friends Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 7 - Brat Stand sponsored by Richland Area Sheep Producers,  
10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m., Walsh's Ace Hardware
- 12 – WI Youth Livestock Virtual Series “Biomedical Advancements”  
Register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/tmq61h>
- 13-14 - WI 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests
- 15 - Junior Leader Meeting, Ext. Office
- 16 - Pig Identification Deadline



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# 4-H Project News



## ANIMAL SCIENCE

### Wisconsin Youth Livestock's Virtual Education Series:

April 14—Challenge: Land and Water

May 12—Challenge: Biomedical Advancements

Register at <https://go.wisc.edu/tnq61h>

*These sessions count for educational points if you fill out the Online Education Verification Form (available on the 4-H website). <https://richland.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>*

### Area Animal Science Days - Save the date:

- June 15-Hosted by Sheboygan County
- June 17-Hosted by Chippewa County

Additional information will be available soon.



Show off your knowledge about Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats during these fun and educational competitions. For information: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/>

Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Entry Deadline: March 25

Meats Judging Contest Entry Deadline: March 18

**YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)** Exhibitors in the Swine project and all youth planning to exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair are required to complete YQCA. If you have already completed YQCA, be sure to print off your certificate no later than March 23.

YQCA will be switching to a new platform and you will not be able to access your completed courses. Information will be available soon for the new YQCA registration process.

**Wisconsin State Fair** - Chaperone applications are due March 16. <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>

## ARTS

**4-H Visual Arts Project Group** - 4-H members interested in Art are invited to monthly 4-H Art project meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Contact Tezra Menne at [tezmenne@gmail.com](mailto:tezmenne@gmail.com)

**"Fireflies in the Forest"** - Experiment with different painting techniques using household objects on Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

**Barn Quilts** — New in 2022... Barn Quilts have been added as an entry category for the Richland County Fair! Maximum size is 2' x 2'. Get Creative!!

**Woodburning**—4-H members in 3rd grade & up are invited to a woodburning workshop on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5.00. Call the Extension Office at 608-647-6148 to reserve your spot!

### 4-H Arts Festival—Sunday, April 3

If you enjoy the Performing Arts....Drama, Singing, Dancing, Playing an Instrument or Public Speaking, the 4-H Arts Festival is your chance to shine! Entries are due March 24.

Entry forms are enclosed with the 4-H newsletter.

Guidelines are posted on 4-H website at: <https://richland.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>

## BEEF

**Beef Producers Annual Meeting**—Tuesday, March 15 at the Richland Community Center. Reservations for meal due by March 10. Social gathering begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (\$10/member, \$17/non-member), Annual meeting and educational program begin at 6:45 p.m. (no charge). Program can be used for educational points for Richland County Fair.

**Beef Heifer Program**—Congratulations to the 4-H & FFA members selected to participate in the Beef Heifer Mentorship Program sponsored by Richland Co. Beef Producers.

## CATS

**Fur, Fin and Feathers Show** includes an educational program for youth in the Cat & Small Pets project. The event also includes a photography and poster contest. Cat show begins at 9:00 a.m. on April 30th at the Barney Center in Sparta. Information available at <https://go.wisc.edu/61q561>

For information about other 4-H Cat activities, contact Sandy Layer at [sandylayer1954@gmail.com](mailto:sandylayer1954@gmail.com).



# 4-H Project News



## CLOTHING

**4-H Sewing Day** - Would you like to learn to sew? Join us on Wednesday, March 30th from 9:00-12:00 noon to make a simple sewing project. You do not need to be signed up for the 4-H sewing project to participate. Call the Extension Office to register.

**Clothing Revue** - Have you picked out your sewing project(s) yet? The 4-H Clothing Revue will be on Thursday, July 28th.

**A HUGE thank you to 4-H sewing project leaders** who work one-on-one with 4-H members who want to learn to sew!

If you would like someone to help you with your 4-H sewing project, contact 4-H sewing leader, Ginger McCauley at [mccauley@mwt.net](mailto:mccauley@mwt.net)

## DOGS

**Save the Date**—The Richland County 4-H Dog Show will be on Saturday, August 6.

**The 4-H Dog project group** typically meets on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m., however this month's meeting will be on March 27. During the summer months, the group members meet weekly. For information, contact Dog project advisor, Kristina Weld at [suffolks25@gmail.com](mailto:suffolks25@gmail.com)

## FOODS

**4-H Project Workshops** - Do you like to cook? You will not want to miss these hands-on 4-H project sessions. Classes are at the Extension Office. Pre-registration is required.

- Brownies Class** (Grades 3-5), Monday, March 28, 10:00am
- Cinnamon Rolls** (6th grade & up), Mon. March 28, 1:00pm
- Cookie/Cupcake Decorating**, Thursday, March 28
  - 10:00-10:45 (Grades 3-4) Limit 8 participants
  - 11:00-11:45 (Grades 5-6) Limit 8 participants

**4-H Foods Revue** - Save the date: Thursday, July 21, 2022.

## GARDENING

**"Plants that Play Well Together"** – Get a jump start on your garden. Explore what plants grow well together and begin to plan for your summer garden during a 4-H project workshop during the last week in March. Date and time will be announced soon—Watch for the 4-H Project Workshops flyer.

## HORSES



**Richland County 4-H Horse Project Group** meets on the first Sunday of each month. They also participate in several horse related events including clinics, riding lessons, horse shows and more! The Horse project advisor is Kathleen Schoen. Contact her at: [dkjeschoen@gmail.com](mailto:dkjeschoen@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT:** The deadline for turning in the 4-H Horse Project paperwork (including a Coggins test) to Kathleen is April 26.

**Wisconsin 4-H Horse Bowl, Hippology and Public Speaking Contests** will be held at the Dodge County Fairgrounds on May 13-14. Entry deadline is April 1.  
<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/>

**Thank you** to the 4-H Horse Project members and parents who helped with the Sweetheart Steak Supper sponsored by Fairgrounds Improvement Committee!

**New 4-H Horse Project Tip Sheets!** Check the Wisconsin 4-H website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/large-animals/horse-project/>

## NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) and the Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Program** offer MANY learning opportunities for youth! Check out the website at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/wildlife-whep-wisconsin-4-h-wisconsin-4-h-forestry/>

**WI 4-H Wildlife and Forestry Contests** will be held on April 1-2, 2022. Entries are due March 12. For information, check out the website listed above, or contact Norb and Barb Yogerst at [w4hwildlifeandforestry@gmail.com](mailto:w4hwildlifeandforestry@gmail.com)

**Wildlife and Woods Education Series** - There are two sessions remaining in the virtual education series:

- March 16 - City Wildlife 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- April 20 - Great Lakes 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Sign-up today for these live zoom events! Registration instructions are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlcparticipate/>





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## PHOTOGRAPHY

**Calling All 4-H Photographers!** - We will be offering a series of three hands-on 4-H photography workshops:

**March 19-Photography Basics** (10:00-11:45 a.m., Ext. Office)  
Bring a camera or phone and a few photos that you have taken.

**April 9-Composition and Still Life**  
(1:00-3:00 p.m., Extension Office)

**May 20-People and Portraits**  
(6:00-7:30 p.m., Extension Office)  
Pre-register by calling the Extension Office at 608-647-6148.



**Hit Me With Your Best Shot 4-H Photo Contest** - 4-H members in grades 5K-one year after high school are invited to enter their favorite photo. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize top quality images. All participants will be entered in a random drawing for prizes. Due by March 31. <https://z.umn.edu/BestShotPhotoContest>

**4-H Photo Calendars** - One of your photographs could be featured in the 2023 4-H Calendar! Photos will be selected from the entries at the Richland County Fair. Bring your best work! We have a few remaining 2022 calendars. Get one while supplies last for a discounted price of \$5.00 each.

## POULTRY

### Feathered Friends Meetings:

~~April 25-Rescheduled to May 2~~

May 2—It's CHICK ID night!! 6:00 p.m., Pippin Hall, UWP-R

May 23—Chicken Kahoot, 6:00 p.m. Extension Office

June 27—Potluck—Bring a poultry dish to share.

6:00 p.m. at Extension Office

Feathered Friends advisors: Jenny Biba & Abby Mathews

**Virtual Poultry Showmanship Clinic**—March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up through 4honline. Registration instructions are available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/vlcparticipate/>

**The Fur, Fin and Feathers Show** includes a poultry show starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Barney Center in Sparta on April 30th. There will also be a photography and poster contest. Information available at <https://go.wisc.edu/61q561>

## RABBITS

**Rabbits R Us**—Please note the change of date for the March meeting—The group will meet at the Extension Office on March 27th at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck followed by the meeting and educational program. Contact **Tim Woodman**, Rabbits R Us advisor at [woodydoor74@gmail.com](mailto:woodydoor74@gmail.com)

The Rabbits R Us will not be sponsoring a **Spring Rabbit Show** in 2022. The group has decided to host a Fall Rabbit Show instead. Date is to be determined.

**The Fur, Fin and Feathers Show** includes a rabbit show beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30th at the Barney Center in Sparta. The event also includes a photography and poster contest. Information available at <https://go.wisc.edu/61q561>

## SHEEP & GOATS

**Next Sheep & Goat Meeting**—Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Questions, contact Steve Banker, President of Richland Area Sheep Producers at [spbanker@hotmail.com](mailto:spbanker@hotmail.com).

**NEW— Market Lamb/Goat Mentorship Program**—4-H members who would like assistance purchasing a market lamb or goat for the Richland County Fair can apply for a no-interest loan through the Richland Area Sheep Producers. Applications are due May 1. Re-payment is due by October 1. Participants in the program will be matched with a mentor to assist them with the project. Contact the Extension Office for application form.

**Brat Stand**—The Richland Area Sheep Producers will be promoting the sheep industry with taste samples and information about cooking lamb during their brat stand on **May 7th from 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Walsh's Ace Hardware**. Sheep & Goat project members are encouraged to help with the event. The money earned will be used to help youth get started in the sheep/goat projects. Stop by and enjoy a brat!

**June 15 is the animal identification deadline** for youth planning to enter market sheep and/or goats in the Richland County Fair.

**Share a Kid Program**—Sponsored by the Wisconsin Dairy Goat Association. <https://www.wdga.org/out-and-about/>  
Application deadline: April 1

**Starter Ewe Program**—Sponsored by Wisconsin Southdown Association. <https://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com/starter-ewe> Application Deadline: April 15.



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## SHOOTING SPORTS

Thank you to Mary and Jerry Cooper for coordinating the Richland County 4-H Shooting Sports program! For information about shooting sports opportunities, contact Mary at [mary.cooper@stmarysrc.com](mailto:mary.cooper@stmarysrc.com).

**Parents**—Interested in volunteering with the 4-H Shooting Sports program? Find out more at:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/shooting-sports/leader-certification-training-workshops/>

### Shooting Sports 4-H Volunteer Certification Workshops:

April 23—Stoughton, WI (Register by April 15)

May 21—Eau Claire, WI (Register by May 14)

September 17—Marshfield, WI (Register by Sept. 9)

## STEM

**"Scientists Live!"** is a five week virtual career exploration series featuring scientists in the fields of precision agriculture, animal health and welfare, food safety, land and water use and biotechnology. The sessions will be on Wednesdays in March from 12-12:30 p.m. The scientist will talk about their pathway to that career and details about their career. Participants will be able to ask questions.

### Science Expeditions: Hands-on science for the entire family.

Schedule of events available soon at <https://science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions>, or contact Tom Zinnen at 608-265-2420

**Let's Build Together: Creativity with LEGOS** - Are you looking for something to do during Spring Break? Don't miss the 4-H LEGOs session on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. Join us for LEGOs Challenges led by Brady Joyce, 4-H Youth Leader. Try out the free "Brickit" app.

## SWINE

**Pig Identification Deadline is May 16.** Youth who plan to exhibit at the Richland County Fair must submit identification photos by 4:30 p.m. on May 16. Ear tags and taggers will be available from the Extension Office in mid-April.

## VET SCIENCE

**Is there interest in starting a 4-H Vet Science program?**

If you would like to find out more, contact Karleen at [karleen.craddock@wisc.edu](mailto:karleen.craddock@wisc.edu).

*What are you doing during Spring Break?*

## 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOPS

*Week of March 27-April 3*

Sunday – Painting Session, 3:00pm\*

Monday – Cooking Classes, 10:00am & 1:00pm\*

Tuesday – LEGOs, 10:00am\*

Wednesday – Sewing Class (Easy), 9:00am\*

Thursday – Cookie Decorating, 10:00am\*

Saturday – Woodburning, 10:00am, UWP-R Science Hall

Sunday – 4-H Arts Festival, RCHS Auditorium

*\*Location-Extension Office*

*You do not need to be enrolled  
in the project to join in on the FUN!*

*Watch your email for registration information!*

## PROGRAMS FOR OLDER 4-H MEMBERS

**True Leaders  
in Service**



### Richland County 4-H Junior Leaders

A group just for older 4-H members, the Jr. Leaders focus on serving the community and providing leadership for many countywide 4-H events.

All 4-H members in 7th grade and up are invited to join the Jr. Leaders

group.. For information, contact advisors: Wendy Layer-[jwmlayer@yahoo.com](mailto:jwmlayer@yahoo.com) or Jen Carter-[jjctlc5@gmail.com](mailto:jjctlc5@gmail.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS to Lucy Joyce, Bryn Kanable and Rylee Wanek!** This summer they will be traveling with 4-H members from throughout Wisconsin to Niagara Falls, Philadelphia, Boston and New York City as they learn about history through the American Spirit East program.

**Space Camp**—Start planning now to attend Advanced Space Camp on January 21-27, 2023. Registration will open on July 1. The 32 spots available will be filled on a first come basis. The cost of the program is \$1,650. For more information, <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/advanced-space-camp/>

**4-H Summer Camp Counselors** - If you enjoyed going to camp when you were younger, now is your chance to take it to the next level as a 4-H summer camp counselor!

You will not only work directly with a group of young campers, but you will also help plan the camp activities. Counselor Training Workshop is scheduled for June 14. Application forms are due May 1. Apply online at: <https://go.wisc.edu/8d88va>