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**Richland County 4-H Newsletter**

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4-H Families,

## **It's National Volunteer Appreciation Week!**

How will you thank the  
volunteers who help with  
your 4-H club?

- Send a thank you note
- Post on social media
- Give a small gift of appreciation
- Tell them in person how much you appreciate them!



## **THANK YOU TO ALL RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEERS!**

If you like swimming, hiking, canoeing and making new friends, you are not going to miss 4-H Summer Camp on June 11-13! Registration is now open for youth in 3rd-8th grade. Bring a friend! They do not need to be in 4-H to join in on the fun! Sign-up by May 1.

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Summer Camp registration!

Sign up  
for camp  
online at:



<https://go.wisc.edu/77320a>

# Richland County 4-H Calendar



## APRIL

### **16-23 – VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**17 – 4-H Leaders Association Mtg.**, 7 p.m., Extension Office

**19 – 4-H Orientation for New Volunteers**, 7:00 p.m.

**20-24 – 4-H Space Camp**, Huntsville, Alabama

**22 – On the Farm with a Veterinarian**, 10:00-12:00

Register at <https://go.wisc.edu/56a6fe>

**22 – Earth Day Celebration**, 10am-2pm, Upham Woods

**23 – Rabbits R Us Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office

**24 – 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Practice** (*tentative*)

**24– Feathered Friends Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. Extension Office

**24 – American Sign Language Class**, 6:30 p.m. virtual

**25 – WI 4-H Global Explorations**, 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Sign up at: <https://go.wisc.edu/702971>

**26 – “GET REAL” Program**, Richland Center High School

**26 – Extension office closed for “Get Real” Program**

**26 – Wildlife & Woods Class**, 7:00 p.m. (virtual series)

**26 – Meat Animal Sale Committee Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

**28 – 4-H Horse Project forms and Coggins Test due**

**28 – Supporting Youth Mental Health Training**,

11:00 a.m. virtual, <https://go.wisc.edu/sx6z42>

**29 – Fur, Fin and Feathers Show**, Sparta,

Register at <https://go.wisc.edu/v402b4>

**Shooting Sports Practice Sessions during April**

(Tuesdays-BB Gun, Thursdays-Air Rifle & 22's)

## MAY

**1 – 4-H Summer Camp Registration Deadline**

Sign-up at <https://go.wisc.edu/77320a>

**1 – 4-H Softball Rosters Due**

**1 – Sheep & Goat Mentorship Applications Due**

**6 – Celebrate UWP-Richland Campus**, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Family activities; Visit the 4-H Food Stand!

**6 – Richland Co. Youth Shooting Sports Competition**

**6 – Camp Counselor & Chaperone Training**, Viroqua

**6 – Supporting Youth Mental Health Workshop**

*In-Person, Viroqua, Contact Extension Office*

**7 - Horse Project meeting**, 4:30 pm, Ithaca School

**8 – 4-H Softball Coaches Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. Ext. Office

**13 – WI 4-H Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest**

**15 – Pig Identification Deadline** (*Due by 4:30pm*)

## MAY, continued

**15 – 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show & Clinic entries due**

**15 – 4-H Leaders Association Mtg.**, 7 p.m., Extension Office

**17–4-H Volunteer Orientation**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office

**19-21 – Richland Co. 4-H Horse Day Camps**, Fairgrounds

**21– Jr. Leader Meeting**, 3:00 p.m. Extension Office

**21 – Dog Project Meeting**, 1:00 p.m.

**24 – Wisconsin State Fair Jr. Livestock entries due**

**24 – Sheep & Goat Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office

**24 – Wildlife & Woods Class**, 7:00 p.m. (virtual series)

**22 – Feathered Friends Meeting**, 6:30 p.m. (*tentative*)

**29 – American Sign Language Class**, 6:30 p.m. virtual

## JUNE

**9-18 – American Spirit East Program**

**10 – Sheep Group Brat Sale**, 10:30-1:00 (*tentative*)

**11 - Richland County Dairy Breakfast**, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**11-13 – 4-H Summer Camp**, Upham Woods

**15 – Sheep & Goat ID Deadline** (*Due at Ext. Office by 4:30*)

**17 - Community Safety Day**, 9:30-12:00 noon, Brewer Library

**16 – 4-H Animal Science Day (Dairy)**, Iowa County

**19 - 4-H Leaders Association Mtg.**, 7 p.m., Location TBD

**19-22 – 4-H Summer Academy**, UW Madison Campus

**20 – Cloverbud Day Camp registration due**

**23-25 – State 4-H Hunt and Dressage Show & Clinics**

**24 – Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinic**, 9:00am, Fairgrounds

**24-July 17 – 4-H International Exchange - Norway**

**25 – 4-H Foods Revue & Grilled Cheese Championship**,  
1:00 p.m., UWP-Richland Student Center

**25– Jr. Leader Meeting**, Boaz Community Center

**26 - Cloverbud Day Camp**, Boaz Community Center

**26 – 4-H Animal Science Day (Livestock)**, Crawford Co.

**26 – Livestock Judging Competition**, Crawford Co.

**26 – American Sign Language Class**, 6:30 p.m. virtual



# 4-H Summer Camp

## Base Camp

Grades 3-6

- Learn about nature during programs led by the camp naturalists
- Have fun on the Wisconsin River! Canoe.....Swim....Compete in the Water Olympics!
- Additional camp activities: Go hiking! Experience a voyager canoe! Do science experiments! Try Archery!
- During free time you can play basketball, go swimming or hang out with your cabin mates.
- Enjoy songs, stories, skits and s'mores during the evening campfire!
- Sleep in a cabin with friends your age and awesome camp counselors!
- Make new friends from 5 counties!

**June 11-13, 2023**

**Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center**  
*Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe,  
Richland & Vernon Counties*



## Outpost Camp

Grades 7-8

- Canoe the Wisconsin River
- Explore Blackhawk Island
- Challenge yourself on the low ropes course on Peanut Butter Mountain
- Lead songs and skits around the campfire. Make s'mores too!
- Strengthen your leadership and teamwork skills

### CAMP COSTS INCLUDE:

- 4-H Members - \$85.00
- Non-Members - \$170.00
- Bus transportation
- Two nights lodging
- All meals and snacks
- Camp t-shirt and name badge
- Activity supplies

## Calling all Cloverbuds & 4-H Explorers!



**Cloverbud Camp - June 26th**

For youth in 5K-2nd Grade  
**Story Book Theme**

**Explorer Camp - July 17th**

For youth in 3rd-5th Grade  
**Rock & Roll Theme**

**Cloverbud Fair**

**August 5th**  
Fairgrounds

**NEW**

Richland County

## **4-H Grilled Cheese Championship!**

Sunday, June 25th, 1:00 p.m.

UWP-Richland Student Center

**Get creative! What will be in your grilled cheese sandwich?**

Open to all 4-H members —You do not need to be in Foods project  
Age categories: 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade, 9th-13th Grade, Adults

Request contest guidelines & entry form at: <https://go.wisc.edu/5umvuc>  
(If hyperlink does not work, manually type in to address bar)





# 4-H Project News



## ANIMAL SCIENCE

**Richland County Livestock Clinic** for Beef, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 24th at the Fairgrounds. Topics include showmanship, nutrition and preparing your animals for show. Participants are encouraged to bring their own animals to practice showmanship. Dennis Patterson has judged at the Richland County Fair in past years. He will be working with youth on showmanship.

**4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Team** – Have you ever wondered what a judge is looking for in the show ring? Get first-hand experience by joining the livestock judging team! If you are interested, let us know at <https://go.wisc.edu/s6un52>. The 4-H Livestock Judging Team competition will be during Area Animal Science Days on June 26th in Crawford County. Thank you to Gretchen Kanable (4-H) and Kally Koch (FFA) for working with the judging teams!

**Education Requirements** - All exhibitors planning to sell an animal at the Richland County Fair will need to meet the education requirements by July 15th. Check out all of the great educational programs in this newsletter to help you complete your education report.

## BEEF

**Congratulations** to the youth selected for the 2023 Beef Heifer Program: Wyatt & Riley Banker, Caleb & Ethan Birkrem and Faith Studnicka.

4-H Beef Project members, Cayley Carter and Landen Layer presented about their 2022 Beef Heifer project during the Beef Producers Annual Meeting on March 14.



## DAIRY

**The Richland County Dairy Breakfast** will be on Sunday, June 11 from 7am-1pm at Red Brae Dairy located at 19974 State Hwy 60 near Muscoda. Hope to see you there!

**Area Animal Science Day** for youth in the Dairy project will be on June 16 in Iowa County. Registration information will be available soon.

## DOGS

**Dog Training.... Agility....** Having fun with dogs! The 4-H Dog group will be starting outdoor training sessions soon. For more information, contact Kristina Weld at [suffolks25@gmail.com](mailto:suffolks25@gmail.com)

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Earth Day Celebration** on April 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Upham Woods Outdoor Education Center (N194 County Rd N, Wisconsin Dells). Activity stations include: Bird Watching, Meet our Reptiles, Pollinator Seed Planting and Research in Action. There will also be a self-guided hike (all day) and Children's Story and Craft Time (1:00-1:45 pm). Conservation projects include Trail Building (for ages 12 & up; 10:15-11:45 am) and Trail Clearing (ages 8 & up; 11:00-12:00). For information: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/2023/03/17/earth-day/>



## FOODS

**4-H Foods Revue** - Do you have a favorite family recipe? Or perhaps an international dish that you have been wanting to try? Start practicing... the 4-H Foods Revue is only 2 months away! 4-H members in the Foods project will be receiving the 4-H Foods Revue entry information in the mail. Mark your calendar for June 25th and plan to join us!

**Grilled Cheese Championships** - A fun, new event open to all 4-H members (and their parents)! Almost anything goes, as long as it is made with real cheese! Challenge a friend to see who can make the best grilled cheese sandwich. You might win a prize at the 4-H Grilled Cheese competition on June 25th!! If you would like to receive entry information, let us know at: <https://go.wisc.edu/5umvuc>





# 4-H Project News



## HORSES

Riding Lessons....Clinics....Horse Shows... These are just a few of the 4-H Horse Project activities planned for this summer! Here's what's coming up:



April 28 - Horse paperwork and Coggins Tests are due. Questions? Contact Kathleen at [dkjeschoen@gmail.com](mailto:dkjeschoen@gmail.com)

May 19-21—Horse Day Camp at the fairgrounds. Includes riding clinics on Showmanship, Gymkhana and Trail; Vet science program on caring for your horse; lots of games and fun activities all weekend!

June - Weekly riding lessons. Watch for details.

August 12—4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds

## POULTRY

It's Chick ID Night!! An annual tradition for the Feathered Friends group—You will not want to miss the meeting on Monday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

## RABBITS/POULTRY/SMALL PETS

The Fur, Fin and Feather Show will be held at the Barney Center in Sparta on Saturday, April 29. This educational show is great for beginners! There will also be a poster contest and a photography contest. Information and entry forms are at: <https://go.wisc.edu/v402b4>

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Richland County 4-H Shooting Sports competition will be on May 6th. Includes: Air Rifles, BB Guns, Pellet Pistols, .22 Rifles and Archery. There will not be silhouettes or wildlife identification. The shotgun and muzzleloading competition will be at the Muscoda Sportsman's Club on May 24th. Questions? Contact Mary Cooper at [ndstemchick@gmail.com](mailto:ndstemchick@gmail.com)

## SHEEP & GOATS

The next Sheep & Goat meeting will be on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Sheep/Goat Mentorship applications are due May 1. The Sheep & Goat group is offering interest-free loans to youth who are planning to show a market lamb or goat at the Richland County Fair. Contact the Extension Office at 608-647-6148 for an application form.

Richland Area Sheep Producers is planning a Brat Stand featuring lamb brats. Tentative date is June 10th. This is a fundraiser for the Sheep/Goat mentorship program. Each family in the Sheep & Goat group is asked to bring two dozen individually wrapped baked goods.

Check out the Vet Science program on April 22 for an outstanding learning opportunity!

## SWINE

Pig Identification deadline is 4:30 p.m. on May 15. All exhibitors planning to show pigs at the Richland County Fair must email ID photos to [karleen.craddock@wisc.edu](mailto:karleen.craddock@wisc.edu). Tags are available at the Extension Office for \$3.00 each. NEW--A signed copy of the Meat Animal Sale rules is required to be turned in prior to picking up tags. Exhibitors must submit a separate MAS form for each species.

All pig exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) and submit the certificate along with their Education Report by July 15th.

## VETERINARY SCIENCE

Thank you to  
Kristen Joseph,  
DVM!



## WILDLIFE AND FORESTRY PROGRAMS

"Wildlife & Woods" virtual program will be held on April 26 and May 24. Register at <https://wi.4honline.com> to receive a link to attend the program.



# 4-H Project News



## Countywide 4-H Project Groups

Learn together with other 4-H members who share your interests!

These countywide groups offer a variety of activities. For information, contact the group advisor:

Cats & Small Pets  
Dogs  
Dairy  
Horse  
Pigs  
Poultry  
Sheep & Goats  
Rabbits  
Shooting Sports

Sandy Layer  
Kristina Weld  
Jody Cornell  
Kathleen Schoen  
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## Richland County Fair

September 6-10, 2023

Fair Theme: "Growing Our Future"

### Important Dates:

April 28—Horse Paperwork and Coggins Test due

May 15 – Pig Identification Deadline

June 15 – Sheep & Goat Identification Deadline

July 15 – Rabbit ID Deadline (Roasters & Breed Classes)

July 15 – MAS Education Requirement Reports due

July 15 - Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) due

July 15 – Meat Animal Sale Acknowledgement Form due

August 1 – Fair Entry Deadline ([www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com))

August 15 – Rabbit ID Deadline (Fryers & Meat Pens)

August 15 – Buyers Cards due to the Extension Office

## 2023 Meat Animal Sale (MAS) Updates

There are several changes for the Meat Animal Sale this year. Here is a brief summary. For a complete list of changes see the Richland County Fair Book.

- **The Meat Animal Sale will begin at 5:00 p.m.** The Buyers Reception starts at 4:00 p.m.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship for **ALL** of their livestock entries.
- **Exhibitors of champion and reserve champion animals are not required to sell that animal if they have participated in showmanship for each market animal exhibited.** If the exhibitor of a champion animal has not participated in showmanship for **ALL** of their market animal species, they will be required to sell the champion or reserve champion animal.
- **The 5% commission will be charged on the amount the buyer pays (not the total sale price)**
- **NEW--Meat Animal Sale Acknowledgement form due July 15.** The form, which must be signed by both the exhibitor and their parents/guardians, states that they are aware of all the Meat Animal Sale deadlines. A separate form is required for each species.

### Questions? Contact a Meat Animal Sale Representative

Beef - Pete Mathews, Mike Huffar, Kenny Anderson

Poultry - Rachel Turgasen; Rabbits - Tim Woodman

Sheep & Goats - Steve Banker, Gretchen Kanable

Swine - Earl Wallace, Chad Imhoff

## Kids in Agriculture

Children's Day Activities

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Saturday, September 9



# Opportunities for older 4-H members

## CONGRATULATIONS ....

to these 4-H members who will be participating in Wisconsin 4-H Educational Experiences this summer:

### American Spirit East

Abby Plonka, Ithaca Happy Hour 4-H Club  
Ally Plonka, Ithaca Happy Hour 4-H Club  
Max Woodman, Buena Vista Wonder Workers 4-H Club

### Citizenship Washington Focus

Lucy Joyce, Pine River Clovers 4-H Club

### Space Camp

Riley Banker, Eagle Badgers 4-H Club  
Emma Birkrem, Ithaca Happy Hour 4-H Club  
Callie Muckler, Buena Vista Wonder Workers 4-H Club  
Max Woodman, Buena Vista Wonder Workers 4-H Club

### Summer Academy

Bryn Kanable, Brush Creek Knowledge Seekers 4-H Club

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## Registration is open for Summer Academy June 19-22 , UW-Madison



Choose from six tracks:

- Agriculture & Animal Science
- Arts & Communication
- Culinary & Health
- Human Services
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)
- Trades (Automotive, Construction, Diesel/Ag. Mechanics, and Electro-Mechanics)

For information: <https://go.wisc.edu/f7rxzx>

The 4-H Leaders Association will pay \$200 of the \$350 registration fee for up to six Richland County 4-H members. Request funds at: <https://go.wisc.edu/3t31f5>. Bus transportation is included in the registration fee.

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## SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

Do you like summer camp? Apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor! May 6th is camp counselor training. Summer camp dates are June 11-13.



*During April, the Jr. Leaders collected donations for the Richland School District "Snack Packs for Backpacks" program.*

## **RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADER GROUP**

### **Leadership...Community Service...FUN!!!**

Jr. Leaders have fun together while giving back to 4-H. The group coordinates several countywide 4-H programs for younger members including Cloverbud Day Camp, Exploring 4-H Day Camp and the Cloverbud Fair. During monthly meetings, Jr. Leaders work on service projects to benefit our community.

### **Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders**

*Open to all 4-H members in 7th grade & up*

*Meets the 3rd Sunday, 3:00 pm, Extension Office*

For information about Jr. Leaders, contact president Autumn Carter at [autumncarter725@gmail.com](mailto:autumncarter725@gmail.com); or Advisors: Wendy Layer at [jwmlayer@yahoo.com](mailto:jwmlayer@yahoo.com); and Jennifer Carter at [jictlc5@gmail.com](mailto:jictlc5@gmail.com)

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## **BE A 4-H HOST FAMILY!**

Open your home and your hearts to a youth from another country.

- Japan (July 23- August 16)
- Costa Rica (June 25-July 18)
- Norway (June 25-July 18)

Host family application:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/international/summer-hosting-application-forms/>





# 4-H Volunteer Corner



## Thank You 4-H Volunteers!!

### April 16-23 is Volunteer Appreciation Week

4-H Members—How will you thank the volunteers who help with your 4-H club??? Let's be creative!

### Parents—Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer?

Find out more at the 4-H Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, May 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

### Supporting Youth Mental Health Training

*Optional for 4-H volunteers; Required for chaperones*

April 28 (virtual) or May 6 (In-person in Viroqua)

Sign up at: <https://go.wisc.edu/r2742g>

Did you know....

### 97 Richland County 4-H volunteers

gave an estimated **2,436 Hours** of their time to the 4-H program last year?

4-H would not be possible without the adult volunteers and youth leaders who give generously of their time and talents.

**Thank You!!**

## Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with 4-H Discovery Day!

Nearly 100 Richland County youth participated in hands-on learning activities led by 4-H volunteers, youth leaders and community members during 4-H Discovery Day held at UWP-Richland campus.

